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**ABOVE TOP** Melissa Ramirez practices her oral interpretation for speech. Speech competes all over the state, which sees members boarding buses at 5:00 in the morning.

**ABOVE MIDDLE** Parlez-vous Francais? Irene Spiro's third year French class gets a chance to learn more of another language besides English.

**ABOVE BOTTOM** Eugene Wilson lines up a shot to score. Basketball was a sport that allowed the superfans a chance to show their spirit.

**OPPOSITE** During intermission of the Fall Play the Drama club gives the audience a laugh while trying to think of words that rhyme with a person's name.



## MERRILLVUE 1999

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**A little chaos creates order**





**OPPOSITE TOP** Mitchell Aubuchon and Mike Zelisko watch Jerry Bernhart as they prepare to make the sets for the spring musical "Funny Girl."

**OPPOSITE BOTTOM** Darrian Anderson and Krystle Jones walk down the new path of the cafeteria. Lockers and another door were added for the growing school.

**TOP** Orchestra teacher John Bradford gets into the holiday spirit while conducting during the Christmas Concert. Bradford joined the staff this year.

**TOP MIDDLE** Ben Nhsadi takes a flying leap over the high jump bar during the track meet versus Crown Point. High jump takes the right steps and concentration.

**MIDDLE** A happy coach, Softball coach Bob Bergeson walks away from a pumped girls' softball team with a happy smile on his face.

**MIDDLE BOTTOM** Tina Shelby laughs while trying to work in the broadcast journalism class. This year the club was closed to people except those in the class and old members.

**BOTTOM** A football game would not be the same without Merrillville's greatest Superfan Garry Conn. A fundraiser was created to get him a new purple bike by recycling cans.



"I think Mrs. Ennsman is a good principal. She thinks of the students first. She did a good job for her first year at MHS."

—Michelle Gentry, '99



"I don't like the new cafeteria because I am used to being able to go and sit in the commons."

—Ryan Fogarty, '01

## Changes fill the 1998-1999 year with excitement.

The 1998-99 school year came with a lot of changes that lead to excitement or a quiet surrender. The year was filled with new rules and faces to learn. One of the new faces was Principal Evelyn Ennsman. As she took her role, she made changes that were in the long run, to better MHS. Other changes brought protest, such as losing the Commons area to accommodate the cafeteria being expanded. The state even made changes of the time period of ISTEP+. That brought some chaos to the seniors who looked forward to a day off like seniors of past year's. Other items were different from last years rules, but they still made the year one to remember.

Mrs. Ennsman started the year off with changes to make the school year flow. These changes, however, sparked a lot of rumors and outcries from the student body. One was the closing of PNN. However, this allowed the club to run more professionally. Another thing about our new principal was she was really there to listen. Ennsman had an open door policy with the students, and this may have made those anxious students calm down. She was tested with many situations during 98-99 school year, but her knowledge helped the chaos seem minor.

The Commons was a place where students who didn't eat lunch sat and relaxed. They spent quiet time sleeping without the noise and the trouble. Yet the tradition ended as we left school in June 1998. The cafeteria was expanded in order to acquire the demand of the growing student population. The only bad thing was at the beginning of the year the cafeteria was not ready for the students and the school crammed everyone into the old section.

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**OPPOSITE** Principal Evelyn Ensmann stops to talk to Sam Peterson and Tiffany Rainy in the cafeteria. Ensmann takes the time to talk to many students.

**TOP** Janice Garcia and Jessica Gray have time to dance with close friends during the Homecoming Dance. Homecoming Dance is usually held in the Hall of Flags.

**MIDDLE TOP** English teacher Diane Firme and Shea Street walk away after donating blood for the HERO blood drive. Approximately 145 students and teachers participated.

**MIDDLE** Jackie Cermak sings a solo during the choir concert. Cermak got her chance and sang "Blue Christmas" for a full audience.

**MIDDLE BOTTOM** Director of Guidance Drew Funness takes time to talk to English teacher Jennifer Fuller in the cafeteria.

**BOTTOM** John Trama sports one of the senior shirts as he sits by the window and enjoys his lunch. The glass windows are one of the few things that are left from the cafeteria wall.

## Quiet Chaos Continued

Students were unable to leave the cafeteria to sit in quietness this year. The Commons was gone. Also, another change was to open new lines that would eventually allow the late student more time to eat instead of gobbling down food in five minutes. However, the line didn't open until before Christmas vacation.

The State Department of Education made some changes that caused quiet chaos. The ISTEP+ was no longer three days of being stuck in homeroom. The ISTEP+ was spread out throughout a two week period. This caused a schedule problem for upperclassmen and freshmen. However, most juniors and seniors turned in signed permission slips which allowed them to leave school at 1:30 p.m. if they had their own transportation. The other interesting thing was class lunches. Another change was in the lunch schedule. Each graduating class had its own lunch period. This allowed the sophomores, who had D lunch, more time to test.

The school also fought another snow storm by delaying school two hours instead of calling it off. This was good since students didn't have to worry about making up any days. T

Other policies were put into effect. Extra security guards were brought on staff and a lockdown drill was introduced. During this drill dogs were brought in for a quiet locker search. Of course, some students became quite vocal on the subject of the lockdown. However, after the facts about the lockdown were explained, most students calmed down. Then after events at Columbine High School, most students realized that the lockdown was actually for their own protection.

The year proved to be one of great differences with loud cries of joy to many moments of silence.

—USA FESMO



**After school life flourishes**







**TOP** Adam Christopher and Dave Huber show off their car in one of the one act plays presented by the drama club. The group chose to do a series of one act plays so that more students could participate.

**BOTTOM** Antoine Gaines and Bret Sager show school is not all about play. If they finish their homework now they won't have to worry later.

**ABOVE TOP** Friendship is a major part of any teenager's life. Lauren Hornola, April Ramirez and Aubrey Szany sit around and talk in the orchestra room.

**HIDDLE TOP** Members of a girl's swim relay team jump in the water so they can get use to the temperature before they compete.

**HIDDLE** Monica Druck and Tony Hawkins sit on the couch in the Senior Citizen's Center during the Homecoming dance and talk.

**HIDDLE BOTTOM** A girl's choir sings and dances during one of their annual concerts. Many choir practices are held after school.

**BOTTOM** Talking on the phone to friends is one way to know what is going on. Two phones were put in the cafeteria for students to use.



## Life after school shows how everyone's lifestyles differ.

Some student's life after school involved quiet activities, such as staying after school for the MASH program. The program located in the Media Center was used for using the Internet, for projects and research, or planned programs like movies or a prom style show. Another calm activity was going home and catching the news or a new television program. Others stayed after school to practice for a sport.

Some students went to work right after school. They got out of school at 2:54 and had to be at work by 4 or 4:30. Although the reasons students worked varied, they all needed money for their lifestyle or for their plans for the future. They spent the money on Christmas presents, the latest fashions, movies, CD's, concerts and fast food. Another reason to get those jobs was to save up for a car. Students needed transportation, and even if Mom and Dad furnished the car, many students had to chip in for the car insurance.

Weekends were usually a fun time. Some spent their weekends at school activities or partying with friends. While others visited an amusement park or a dance club. Another idea for the lifestyles of busy students was to jump in a car and drive up to Chicago for the day.

Eventually, it all came to an end, as students made their way home to let their lives quiet down a bit. After all, life was full of quiet chaos.

—LISA FESKO



"I go home and call up all my friends, and then I go out."  
—Adam Guajardo, '02



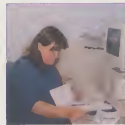
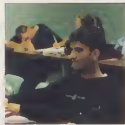
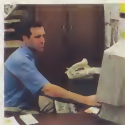
"I stay after for Key Club meetings, and I go shopping, especially for shoes."  
—Amber Solomon, '00

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LIFESTYLES

**TOP** Guidance counselor Brent Harrison sits in his office as he busily writes out a pass. He is always one to "stay until the job is done. Hopefully, I am contributing a lot," he said.

**BOTTOM** Mrs. Procter writes on the board about one of her lessons. Although she has been the target of teasing, Procter feels that the "staff has been super."



**LEFT** Betty Barsley-Marra, one of the child development teachers, stands with her class around one of the infants brought in by students and faculty members.

**MIDDLE LEFT** Mr. Harrison turns to the computer for help. He said that the most difficult part of his job was "helping students in the process of making their own decisions."


**MIDDLE** Svenja Rahe sits in study hall and tries to concentrate on her work. Rahe came from Germany.

**MIDDLE RIGHT** Salahuddin Khan tries to pay attention to his schoolwork. Although he adjusted well to MHS, he nonchalantly said that his hardest class was "English."

**RIGHT** Betty Barsley-Marra works on paperwork for Student Government. Marra is the adviser for the group as well as teaching her classes.







## *Several additions to MHS found the transition difficult, yet exciting.*

A jumble of chaos, a million faces, countless new rules. This might have been the perception of MHS from the eyes of a new student or teacher, and there were many. Our new teachers came to MHS from several diverse areas of education as well as geography.

Teresa Procter was an addition to the English department. She attended Indiana University and graduated with a major in English. "The staff has been friendly, helpful, and encouraging," but it's "always a challenge to learn routines, names, and faces."

Betty Barsley-Marra taught Single Living, Foods I, and Child Development. She was an alumnus of Northern Illinois and taught for 15 years at Roosevelt University in Chicago. At MHS, she claimed that one of the most difficult adjustments was "all the rules."

# A New Frontier



Finally, all the way from New York City, came Brent Harrison, one of our guidance counselors. He received his Master's degree in Education from Queens College. He likes large schools, so he was "really enjoying the great climate" at MHS. The best part of his job was "working with young people" and being "an important part of their lives."

Several students also had to adjust to the atmosphere at MHS. Salahuddin Khan was from Pakistan and said it felt "very good" to be in the USA. "Surprisingly, it only took 'two or three days to get adjusted' to MHS, which was bigger than Khan's school in Pakistan.

Svenja Rahe, an exchange student from Germany, also enjoyed being in the U.S. for the school year. Although "the school system" at MHS "is better than in Germany," Rahe didn't like the fact that "you have the same classes everyday." She said her hardest class was English literature because it was "hard to understand the stories."

Although it seemed that all of our new arrivals had a fairly easy time getting used to MHS, that was quite untrue. For example, Procter was made fun of for a very unique reason; she didn't have her own room. She traveled with her "cart" to various other rooms during the day.

One funny story that Rahe had to share involved the mix-up of word meanings. She had learned that a "rubber" meant an eraser, so when she asked for a rubber, Rahe received a very shocked response indeed!

Despite some classroom obstacles and misunderstandings, the new teachers and students had a satisfactory year at MHS, and hopefully, more will follow.

—Tiffany Stochel



"People have been teasing me that I need a horn on it."

—Mrs.  
**Procter, about  
life with her  
"cart"**

*Teenagers discover an environment where screaming at the top of their lungs is considered normal.*

Have you seen any good concerts lately? Or did you prefer to sit at home and gaze longingly at the television to watch your favorite artist perform? Then you realized that the person controlling the camera was not filming enough of your favorite singer/rapper because he was spending too much time capturing audience shots. Even worse, the reception on your television was making it very hard to view. So what was the problem? Why weren't you at that concert, looking at what you wanted to see and enjoying it?

There were many reasons why Merrillville students attended performances of different artists. Concerts allowed all types of people to have fun and provided places for teenagers to enjoy themselves. In a time when teenagers rarely had a place to "chill" and have fun with friends, going to a performance of a favorite band was a much better alternative than "hanging in the streets." "This way," according to Lattoya Jefferson, '99, "[students] see their favorites sing or rap live and have fun while watching them."



**"Yes, (Aerosmith) was worth the time, drive, and money."  
—Leah Lopez**

## Music for the senses

Viewing a favorite artist perform was why students like Porsha Cobb, '99, went to concerts. "You get to see if they [the performers] really can sing."

Some like Amanda Farley, '00, who went to see Plant and Page, received "new prospects" after observing them live.

"I like going to concerts that have a variety of performers," said Candice Gillespie, '00, "that way you can hear all your favorites at one concert."

There were only two reasons why some students were hesitant about going to the performances of their favorite artists. One was the drive, and the other was the price. Although students expressed concern about the distance to Chicago area concert venues, not one student regretted the drive.

The price, on the other hand, was the bigger concern. The cost of concerts varied. Leah Lopez, '01, who saw Aerosmith at the New World Theater paid \$35.00. Was it worth it? Lopez responded, "YES! Worth the time, drive, and money." It cost \$50.00 for tickets one student bought to see Puff Daddy and the family concert. But, of course, Candice Cook, '99, said, "Do it again? ANYTIME!"

—ERICA DAVIS



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LIFESTYLES



**OPPOSITE TOP LEFT** Brandon McVade, Julie Lesniak and Chris Dabu get the signatures of Puya to add the their Q101 1999 Jambo-ree adventure.

**OPPOSITE BOTTOM LEFT** Justin Miller and Laura Horwith look around after entering the New World Theater to see some of their favorite bands perform.



**LEFT** Members of the Cottonmouth Kings take time to autograph fan's booklets and other items after performing at 1999 Jambo-ree.

**MIDDLE LEFT** Kim Gut and Sarah Jones stand out in front waiting for the Celine Dion concert to start allowing people to enter.

**MIDDLE** Rachel Weems and John Jasinski wait to see what T-shirts are available from the Concert Gear booths located all over.

**MIDDLE RIGHT** Eric Pinnell stands next to equipment that belongs to the performer Offspring. Pinnell is also wearing a Cottonmouth King shirt.

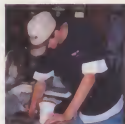
**RIGHT** Laura Horwith and Justin Miller stand in the crowd trying to reach the front of the line to get an autograph from one of the many bands that performed at the New World Theater.

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## LIFESTYLES

**TOP** Nick Porzuczek wipes down the shelves in Eagle's. Cleaning up is a major part of some jobs. Some students have specific things that must be cleaned before they go home while others clean when they have completed their other tasks.

**BOTTOM** Milissa Kelsey scans a customer's purchase at her job at K-mart. Some employers move their employees from one job to another depending on where help is needed at the time.



**LEFT** Brad Kamano collects the money after ringing up the purchase. Knowledge of math is important for employees who have to ring up sales or figure out how much of something is needed.

**MIDDLE LEFT** Anastasia Yiatras cleans the soft serve machine at the Dairy Queen in Crown Point. Cleanliness is very important in the food service industry.

**MIDDLE** Tiffany Rainey grabs a tub from the walk-in freezer. This ensures that everyone has enough ice cream to please their needs.

**MIDDLE RIGHT** Cansha Vengas goes back to pick up her order at Around the Clock. Students find that the tips from serving or bus-ing tables add up.

**RIGHT** Brad Kamano packs a pint of ice cream at the Baskin Robbins where he works. Many employees find jobs close to home so they can get there easily.





*Teens look to jobs for extra money,  
but find many disadvantages along  
the way.*

Teenage lifestyles were pretty expensive these days. There were concerts, school events, movies, dance clubs, and hanging out at restaurants. Where did this endless amount of money we spent come from? Parents and guardians provided some funding for us, but for the most part students were forced into the working world.

Ahhh yes, working. Not your typical idea of a fun time. Unfortunately many of us were too broke to remain unemployed. The majority of students needed the money for car insurance, spending money, and college. Lisa Bowen, '99, who worked at T.G.I. Friday's related to the idea of needing extra cash. "I needed

# Supporting Lifestyles



money badly for insurance and other expenses."

Also, having that extra money in your pocket to use whenever you needed it was not a bad idea so students went to apply for jobs.

Having a job also brought disadvantages. Partying and having fun were a big focus in high school social life, but working robbed us of all those memorable times. Who wanted to look back on high school only to remember waiting tables? Not many students, but most of us had no choice. Elizabeth Thien found it hard to "balance time between work and school. There is less time to spend with my friends and family too."

Another disadvantage a job had on your life was with relationships. Since working students were always on the job there was less time for a significant other. Abbie Parduhn, '00, said, "I never get to spend enough time with my boyfriend! I love my job, but I would like to see him more often."

On the other hand, having a job wasn't the end of the world. Many saw advantages to being employed. Jameela Rashad worked at the Buckle for 18 months. "Now I don't have to ask for money all the time. I have my own money. My job also is preparing me for the real world."

Jobs also opened the circle of socialization since you weren't around only MHS students.

With advantages and disadvantages jobs continued to provide teenagers with new experiences everyday.

**"I needed money  
badly for insurance  
and other  
expenses."**

**—Lisa Bowen**

—GINA BARTOLOMEO



## When it comes to the Roberts family, Gymnastics is all in the family.

Most MHS gymnasts had the comfort of knowing their parents were in the stands, but Kim and Shen Roberts, both '00, had the luxury of knowing their parents were the coaches. Gymnastics coach Diane Roberts has been coaching MHS gymnastics for 26 years. She has personally been involved in gymnastics since the age of four. When she started out in gymnastics there was no competition like now. As a child she was also involved in dance and tumbling. Her coach was a circus performer and was the one to get her involved in tumbling. Kim and Shen have been involved in gymnastics since the age of two. Their parents were the ones who got them involved in gymnastics and have been their only trainers.

Mrs. Roberts has received many awards as a coach, such as district coach of the year, state coach of the year, and regional coach of the year. She has also been nominated national coach and was placed in the MHS Hall of Fame for coaches. Mrs. Roberts had plans to retire in the year 2000, the year her daughters, Kim and Shen graduate, but now she can't imagine retiring so soon. "Every day is a new experience," she added. Mrs. Roberts started coaching kids her own age while in elementary school. She has always enjoyed coaching. "I can't wait till the end of the day to coach." She coached all year long for school and part of the year for a club that she belongs to.

In spite of many injuries sustained from gymnastics through her life, many from being a coach and spotting someone on a dismount, Mrs. Roberts always loved gymnastics. Spotting was where Mr. Roberts came in. He was asked to help spot for the girls when the last spotter left. The fondest



# TOGETHERNESS

memories of hers is when her daughters Kim and Shen had their first gymnastics meet at the age of five and when the gymnastics team were state champions in 1986 and 1992. According to Mrs. Roberts, it took a lot to be in gymnastics. You had to have a tough mental attitude and be a good athletic specimen with strength and endurance. "It's physically demanding." You need to have a childhood background in gymnastics starting at 6 years-old."

Both Kim and Shen agreed that gymnastics was time consuming and challenging, but they enjoyed it. They practiced six days a week, from 3:20-6 Monday through Friday and 1:00-3 on Saturdays. Shen also coached a group of six to nine year-old beginner gymnasts after practices so she ended up being involved in gymnastics five to six hours a day. The twins didn't stay after only for gymnastics though. The sisters were also active in soccer and softball. They also participated in the chorus in the Spring Musical together.

When asked if they liked the fact that their family was so involved in gymnastics they both said yes. "If they weren't I would never see them," commented Kim. Shen said, "Gymnastics allows us time to spend together."

Nick Roberts, Kim and Shen's brother, was not involved in gymnastics. However, on occasion he went to the gymnastics meets to watch his sisters and see some of his friends. He was involved in his own sports like football, basketball, and baseball. This allowed him to spend time with his father, Bill Roberts was the assistant coach for gymnastics and varsity baseball at MHS. Of course, you could also see him along the sidelines with the football players, where he helped out.

The family liked sports and always seemed to be doing something together that involved being at MHS. Nick will be by himself when his sisters graduate in 2000, but he still had the chance to share time with them now.

—AMY MULLOY

"Gymnastics allows  
us [the family]  
time to spend  
together."  
—Shen  
Roberts, '00



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**ABOVE** Kim Roberts makes a ~~jump~~ vault with her dad as the coach waiting to spot for her and watching her performance.

**FAR MIDDLE LEFT** Shen Roberts and her dad, Coach Bill Roberts, take time out to embrace and watch the other gymnasts perform.



**MIDDLE LEFT** Kim Roberts strikes a pose during her floor routine. She has been learning gymnastics since age 2.

**MIDDLE** Both Kim and Shen Roberts pose with friends Robyn McIndoo and Jennifer Strom at Jamboree '99. They also make time in their busy schedule to be normal teenagers.

**MIDDLE RIGHT** Coach Diane Roberts and gymnast Megan Skorupa embrace after an excellent performance by Megan.

**FAR MIDDLE RIGHT** Outside of gymnastics, Kim Roberts also plays soccer for MHS. She quickly kicks the ball out of reach of her opponent.

**BELOW** Shen Roberts, '00, took part in the spring musical "Funny Girl" for the MHS drama club as part of the chorus line. Her she is practicing with some fellow actors from the chorus.



## *Theme parks provide good times for Merrillville students, and an easy escape from Northwest Indiana.*

Sunshine and fun! That was what summer was all about! What better way to spend a summer day was there than going to a theme park with your buddies. Throughout the region, many students migrated toward these parks in hope of breaking that same 'ol, same 'ol routine. From the side shows, to the food, and to the ever so popular rollercoasters, theme parks offered something for everyone to do.

Six Flags Great America attracted many Merrillville students since it was just outside of the Windy City, Chicago. Katie Taylor, '99, commented, "I really like the rollercoasters or any type of water ride at Great America. I definitely don't go for the food. Amusement park food makes me sick."

Six Flags was also most popular around prom time, and during Halloween with its famous Fright Fest. With speedy rides like the Iron Wolf, Batman, and the stomach-sinking Giant Drop, we often found ourselves waiting in line for a long time. The wait was extremely annoying, but it was worth the fun. Taylor liked the rollercoaster Iron Wolf best because, "it's more fun standing up."



"The Magnum in the Dark at Cedar Point is awesome"

—Mandy Sovich

# Rollercoaster Fun

Another local theme park that we knew was Indiana Beach. A popular thing to do there was record your own musical single tapes. If the weather was warm enough, you could hit the waves in the mini waterpark.

For those of us who were lucky enough, many more theme parks were out there to experience.

Numerous students strolled on down to Cedar Point in Ohio, and often spent the weekend there. Mandy Sovich, '99, liked to go to Cedar Point with a big group of friends. Sovich believed that "The Magnum in the dark at Cedar Point is awesome. It's right next to a lake, and it has tunnels and smoke that light up."

Then who could forget about the biggest theme park of our time, Disneyworld! With popular attractions such as the Magic Kingdom, MGM Studios, and Typhoon Lagoon, Disneyworld not only attracted students from Merrillville, but many people worldwide. Tom Mauman, '99, liked Typhoon Lagoon the best. "The waves are like 30 feet tall, and they make me feel like I'm getting hit by a wall."

All in all, theme parks were exciting, fun, and offered a small escape from a teen's repetitious lifestyle.

—GINA BARTOLOMEO





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**TOP LEFT** A group of MHS students finish the Iron Wolf ride at Great America. The Iron Wolf is a popular roller coaster on which the people stand up to ride.

**BOTTOM LEFT** The rollercoaster the Viper enters the cave in which many students become afraid they may hit the walls.



**LEFT** At Great America the areas are divided by territory. Here is the Southwest Territory where the Giant Drop was added last year.

**OPPOSITE MIDDLE LEFT** A student has fun with one of the scenes in a cafe at Great America.

**MIDDLE** Food at many theme parks is usually expensive. Still after a long day of riding rollercoasters and walking the food stands are a must.

**OPPOSITE MIDDLE RIGHT** Tera Galovic takes time to pose with Foghorn Leghorn from the Loony Tunes cartoon. Characters walk all over the park greeting people and getting their pictures taken.

**RIGHT** A lot of your time at a theme park is spent waiting in line for your next turn to ride. Great America provides TV screens for the people to watch.

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**OPPOSITE** Nick Skalba struggles to shoot the ball in a basketball game with friends on a lazy afternoon following Senior Breakfast.



**TOP LEFT** Students gather at a friend's house for a game of basketball on one of the last chances to be together.

**TOP RIGHT** Tera Galovic and Jena Ashe took advantage of the free afternoon to visit Great America.





## *Students take advantage of a rare afternoon off school following Senior Drive-Around.*

The morning had started by putting on church clothes and heading for school. May 28th was the day of the long awaited Senior Breakfast, and that was special. Although long waits for food which finally ran out had kept the event from being perfect, it was still one of the last times friends would be together.

When the breakfast was over, students flocked to their cars for the much anticipated Senior Drive-Around. After making a couple circuits of the school, the seniors headed off. They were free for the afternoon.

Most students headed home to change into comfortable clothes, while others had planned ahead and brought a change of clothes to school with them. In casual attire, the seniors headed out to enjoy their sunny, warm free time.

# **We're free today**

Some seniors had planned to spend the afternoon at a friend's house just relaxing. They played basketball, ate a lot of food, and even watched a video or two. Of course, there was a lot of laughing, kidding each other, and reminiscing too. Some liked to think about how jealous the underclassmen were because they were still in school.

Other seniors had bigger plans. They headed for the big city where they spent the afternoon and evening riding the rollercoasters at Great American. They goofed around with the cartoon characters walking around the theme park and enjoyed the food from the concession stand knowing all the time that tomorrow was just a regular school day. That knowledge made the free time all the more sweet.

A few brave souls headed back to Deep River Water Park where seniors had enjoyed the Spirit Day only days before. That day was cold and drizzling. This afternoon was bright and sunny.

Southlake Mall beckoned to some seniors who were still looking for the right white dress to wear under their robes for graduation. Others needed the perfect shoes so they wouldn't trip going across the stage at the Radisson on graduation night. Checking out the new spring and summer merchandise was fun too.

A few poor seniors actually had to spend their free afternoon working. They needed the money to cover graduation expenses, or their employer just needed the help. Fortunately, they were in the minority as most members of the Class of '99 had a great afternoon.

*A car allows students the freedom they need to let the wind flow through their hair.*

From the first day you got your driver's licence and your first car, it was time to stop riding the bus. Many students so used to the bus, commonly referred to as the cheese wagon, got cars so they no longer had to wake up so early to get to the bus stop, when the bus could have picked them up last. Of course, cars meant more than freedom; they also meant a lot of responsibility.

Many students went out and got a car that they liked and didn't mind driving it around the parking lot a few times to make sure everyone noticed it. Some took pride in the way it was painted because they picked it out that way themselves. Brandon Pierson, '01, took the route of painting his truck yellow and putting purple flames on it. This was one vehicle that stood out and allowed any passerby to stop and say "cool truck." Ryan Dulla, '00 took pride in his car, and he didn't mind the sound because he could always get people to stop and pause as he drove his car by.

Freedom was a good part of a reason students got cars. They no longer



## Driving to School

**"Driving is better because it is easier than riding on the Cheesewagon."**

**—Kelly Sullivan, '00**

had to wait for their parents to pick them up from after school activities. Sophomores couldn't wait to get that permit. Many students took the driver's education class offered. Among them Kris Komenich, '01, took the driving course at Merrillville. Then he drove his father's white van to advertise his business and got him jobs. This shows freedom turned into responsibility.

Some students were not fortunate to have the car given to them for a present. They had to pay. Of course, that was why they had newspapers that advertised "good first car." The student saved up the money to get a car that was a little under perfect. Of course, this was only temporary to get them places. Responsibility came from buying their temporary car. Some had to pay for their car insurance. Buying gas was another part of owning a car. Gas was not free so students had to scrape up the cash to fill the tank to allow freedom to set in. Another good thing about the less than perfect car was the fact they didn't have to wake up a half an hour early to catch a bus that seemed to be coming earlier and earlier.

Merrillville had an array of cars sitting in its parking lot waiting to be that essential ride home. They played an important role in the lifestyle of MHS students.



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**UPPER LEFT** Ryan Dulla stops to show off his car to one of his friends. Dulla's car is one most MHS's students well-known.

**BOTTOM LEFT** Adam Antkewicz puts his stuff in the trunk before leaving. Many students put car bras on the front end to make their cars look distinctive.



**LEFT** Brandon Pierson's truck makes students glance because of the vibrant colors. A lot of students drive trucks or vans.

**MIDDLE LEFT** Chris Charleston tries to squeeze into the line to get out of the parking lot. The number of cars does have one down side, the after school traffic jam.

**MIDDLE** Rodney Mabon takes pride in the way his cars bumps. Many students look for a sound system and nice rims for their cars.

**MIDDLE RIGHT** A group of students wait to get into their cars after school. A lot of people get rides home with friends and brothers or sisters.

**RIGHT** A student attempts to get out of school by driving to the front of the line. This was one of the pet peeves of many MHS drivers.



## *Brothers and sisters spend time together, both in and outside of the average school day.*

Brothers and sisters were a large part of many people's lives. Depending on how close you were, your brother or sister ranged from being your best friend to a good companion. Your brother or sister was there for you when you needed them. Although not all brothers and sisters got along, most of them did.

Not all people saw their siblings during school though. Jodie, '99, and Blake, '02, Kendera both said, "It is okay. We hardly ever see each other in school anyway." They did not see each other much, but the ride to and from school still kept them in touch.

Having more than one brother or sister in a school was even better. Just ask Porscha, Mike, and Brittany Cobb. Porscha, '99, explained, "It's okay because I will be leaving soon. Michael has another year to attend so that he can look out for Brittany and my mom." On the other hand, Mike, '00, said, "I don't like it because they know everything you do in and out of school." Brittany, '02, looked at the positive aspects of having her older siblings in the same school. She said,



# Sibling Rivalry

**"It is okay having my sister here. We may not see each other all the time at school. We still see each other at home."**

**—Amy Pivovarnik**

"It's kind of good because if I need anything I can ask my brother or sister for help. Since I am the youngest, everybody knows who I am."

Of course, there were many other students in this school who had a brother or sister. In fact there were several sets of twins. One set of twins grew up with many similar interests and even had a few classes together. Robert Wojcik and his sister Justine, both '99, spent their fifth period German class together. Robert said, "It's cool because we're able to study together."

It was really nice when the sisters who are best friends, Jena, '99, and Amber, '02, Ashe. Jena said, "It's awesome because she's my best friend." Amber added, "It's crazy when people see us together. They always say how scarily alike we are. I love it."

No matter what experience a student had, the advantages of having a sibling at the same school usually outweighed the negative aspects.

—GOCE RISTEVSKI



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**UPPER LEFT** Jena and Amber Ashe work together on a project for Art class. Art is something that interests both sisters.

**LOWER LEFT** Peter and Steven Gaines stop in the hallway to talk. Peter helps his brother out whenever he can.



**LEFT** Brittany, Mike, and Porsha Cobb stop in the Study Hall room to see what their mom is up to.

**MIDDLE LEFT** Rob and Justine Wojcik work in German class together. They also have music classes close by.

**MIDDLE** Amber shows Jena one of her art pictures during class. The sisters visit each other a lot during classes when they get the chance.

**MIDDLE RIGHT** Shenley and Kimberley Roberts take a bow during the end of the show the twin sisters do a lot of activities together.

**RIGHT** One big family photo when you get the Cobbs and their mother together. One good thing about having a brother or sister is being able to share their locker.



*A person's room represents the person's personality and shows his creative side.*

Was there a spot in your house that represented who you really were? Of course, your own room. A place you could call your own and decorated the way you wanted.

Whether you shared a room with an other sibling, or whether you had your own, there was something about your room that brought out who you were. Some had posters of their favorite singers, actors, or sports figures while others filled their rooms with collectible items. Many students also, took the time to do something outrageous to add a personal touch of being lived in.

Various students, expressed themselves through their decorated rooms. Matt Scegiel, '99, stated that, "All the high tech and collectible stuff" made his room the right place for him. He added, "My room is complex and confusing just like me."

Some students couldn't decide what to do, so they decorated their room simply. Taria Selmon, '99, commented, "I couldn't decide on a particular



"I just started painting and now it is a cool mural."

—Chris Fesko

## It's Self-Expression

color so I picked white with a pretty wooden floor design, and a blue rug makes my room complete." Her personality was shown through the things she kept on her shelf.

Of course, there was a creative person in every bunch trying to show their personality by decorating their room by themselves. Dana Kraska, '02, decorated everything in her room by herself with paints and other art decorations. She painted every wall in different designs, and to make the room feel like hers, she had all her friends sign her bookshelf. Most of all her ceiling was decorated with handprints and a beach scene. Kraska said, "The beach scene on my ceiling shows my summer life." Her room showed how artistic talent could make a room special.

Another student added her creative touch by cutting out many pictures and pasting them around the mirror on her door. "My finishing touch was adding handprints and baby footprints around the edge," laughed Missy Kelsy, '99.

So whether it was high tech stuff or artistic touches, a person's room was special to a lot of people. Many students relied on it as a place to relax and hang out and get away from the thought of getting up at six the next morning.

—DEDE MAKAROUNAS







**OPPOSITE ABOVE** Posters of Sammy Sosa, Tiger Woods, Michael Jordan, and Mark McGwire hint that this is the room of a sports enthusiast.



**ABOVE** The hearts take it as a quilted wallhanging full of hearts hangs from a shelf with a cutout heart in this young lady's room.



**OPPOSITE** Chris Fesko shows off his re-decorating job as he hangs things on the wall of his room.

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**RIGHT TOP** Josefina Poropat and Evelyn Steiner cover up by putting towels on their heads to keep the hot sun away while watching a bull fight in Spain.

**RIGHT BOTTOM** Christina Towry, Kasie Zweig, Kari Jo Majkowski, and Michelle Schreiner pose like celebrities in front of Planet Hollywood in Florida.



**LEFT** Josefina Poropat, Evelyn Steiner, and seven MHS students stop to pose in front of a historical castle in Spain.


**MIDDLE LEFT** Shopping in Mexico occupied most of senior Virginia Bonilla's time. There were many souvenirs to buy for all her friends back at home.

**MIDDLE** Getting to the top of a palm tree is difficult. Jeff S. Miller stops for a moment as he is trying to get to the top of a palm tree in Florida.

**MIDDLE RIGHT** After walking all day at Disney World, Darnell Cole, Sarah Liakos, Alaina Fasel, and Kyle Vrotny could not take another step.

**RIGHT** Chris Fesko, Leah Lopez, Joel Patterson and Phil Tanis catch some rays at the Indiana Dunes.






## *Breaking around the world, That's what Spring Break was all about.*

From performing at Disney World to sight-seeing in Spain, many students from MHS had their minds set on various activities besides school work. While many students had the opportunity to get away, others stayed at home and relaxed or worked. Shopping sprees were a must whether students were buying souvenirs or just shopping for fashion essentials here at Southlake Mall.

The MHS Choir with choir director, Roger Emig, had the opportunity to go to Disney World, Florida, where the choir members performed at Epcot. The experience was spectacular. "Our best day was at MGM Studios when we got kicked out of 'Honey I Shrunk The Kids' Playground, when a little boy started everything," said Kristine Dabu, '01. Amanda McConnell, '99, said, "Florida is beautiful. I want to go back." Those who got to tour Florida thought the sun never looked so good.

# Spring Fever '99



The MHS Band and Orchestra also had the chance to perform at Disney World, Florida. The band marched in the sun at the Magic Kingdom. Then on Easter Sunday, the Orchestra performed at Epcot Center. Jeff S. Miller, '00, said, "The trip was a lot of fun, even the long twenty-four hour bus ride each way. I even climbed a palm tree!" Aside from performing in Florida, students got to visit all the theme parks and dined at various restaurants, such as King Henry's, All Star Cafe, and Planet Hollywood.

A few lucky students got to travel abroad over their break. Seven MHS students along with two MHS Spanish teachers, Josefina Poropat and Evelyn Steiner, toured Spain. Demetra Stath, '99, said, "Spain is absolutely gorgeous, and it was interesting going to a country where the foreign language I am learning in school is spoken." Erica Koppers, '99, added, "Spain was great, and it was an experience I will never forget." The history, clothing, and people were just awesome and very appealing. These students even got to see a bull fight.

Other students spent their spring break vacation with their families. Virginia Bonilla, '99, visited Mexico with her family. She shopped at every store in the Centro. Bonilla said, "We went to Guzman where we ate every kind of taco available, which was way better than any Taco Bell."

Although traveling was great, staying at home and spending money at the malls with friends was just as great for a lot of MHS students. There were a lot of places around here to enjoy the time off, such as the Indiana Dunes or nearby Chicago. Entertainment included seeing the newest releases, or going out on the town. For those enthusiastic hard workers, there were always their jobs. As Spring Break vacation came to a close, most students had exciting stories to tell and many memories to cherish.

—TINA KARAMACOSKA

"Spain was great,  
and it was an  
experience I will  
never forget."

—ERICA KOPPERS, '99

# quiet CHAOS

LIFESTYLES

**TOP** A band waits to go on at a concert held during the spring. Merrillville students often attend concerts in Chicago and the suburbs even though they are sometimes held during the week.

**BOTTOM** Students head for the United Center. The home of the Bulls also sometimes also hosts concerts which are expected to draw a large crowd.



**FAR LEFT** The crowd hurries to enter the United Center. Rock concerts draw a younger crowd than the Bulls games.


**LEFT** Members of the band and crew look out over the crowd before the music starts. From the United Center to the Taste of Chicago, students flock to the Chicago area to watch their favorite groups perform.

**MIDDLE** Parking in Chicago can be a major drawback. Places on the street are hard to find. Parking garages and lots can be very expensive. For this reason some students enjoy taking the South Shore on occasion.

**RIGHT** The Chicago skyline is a beautiful sight at night. Sometimes its fun to just look at the sites the city has to offer.

**FAR RIGHT** Getting off the expressway and merging into traffic can be a challenge in Chicago where traffic congestion is an even worse problem than Merrillville.






*Whether it's watching the Cubs, attending a concert or shopping on Michigan Avenue, students find lots to do in the Windy City.*

Are you bored? Need something to do? Some students jumped in their car and headed to the Windy City. There were a variety of things they could do on a one day visit. Walking, riding a bike, or roller blading down Lake Shore Drive were examples. Straining their necks to look at the high skyscrapers that hovered overhead, shopping at the stores up and down Michigan Avenue and State Street, or checking out the sports or concert scenes were other enjoyable things to do.

Some thought the best time to go was in the summer, when the Taste of Chicago made its annual appearance. Thousands of people crowded the streets trying the different foods, listening to the bands, and watching the fireworks that lit the night sky over Lake Michigan.

# Heading to Chicago



Others went to Chicago for a learning experience from Shedd Aquarium's under water world to the stars and solar system on view at Adler Planetarium. If art was their thing, students viewed the exhibits at the Chicago Art Institute or one of the other art galleries throughout the city. The Field Museum shows the history of life, showing the people and animals that lived thousands of years ago. On the other hand, the Museum of Science and Industry showed how things were created and gave us an idea of what to expect in the future. Some of the more popular exhibits there were the coal mine and the captured World War II German submarine.

Navy Pier had many different activities to keep someone busy. They rode the ferris wheel, took a boat ride on the lake, ate on one of the restaurant boats and checked out movies at the IMAX theater. In the winter, students even went ice skating on the roof. Navy Pier boasted a McDonalds of the future and stores enough to interest everyone.

When it was time to eat Chicago had a large variety of restaurants to choose from. Planet Hollywood was a place to see the stars or look at the memorabilia on the walls. Ed Dubavick's employees showed off their rude behavior and outrageous outfits. Rock 'n Roll McDonalds was a change from the ones locally. The Rain Forest Cafe allowed those eating to watch the animals moving around and tasting food.

The variety of activities to choose from in Chicago will keep someone entertained for days.

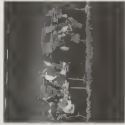
—SHANNA SIGMAN

**"I don't recommend the ferris wheel in the winter because it can get a bit nippy."  
—Shanna Sigman**

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There's no limit on spirit







**TOP RIGHT** The cast of "Funny Girl" performs a production number. Robin Chidress and Lindsey Banks shared the role of Fanny Brice.

**BOTTOM** Robin Chidress and Kyle Vroomy get in the holiday spirit at the Christmas Choir Concert.

**TIP** Brian Rogers plays the bass drum in time to a cheer at a home football game.

**MIDDLE TOP** Melissa Ramirez and Laurie Farner compete in Duo Interpretation at the Speech Meet held at Harrison Middle School.

**MIDDLE** The orchestra under the direction of John Bradford presents its Christmas Concert.

**BOTTOM MIDDLE** Chris Goff and Amy Plukas enjoy themselves dancing at Prom.

**BOTTOM** Students and faculty donate blood in the annual HERO blood drive. The group holds the blood drive just before the holidays since that is a time blood banks usually run low.

## School is made up of more than classes. After school activities fill the school with many memories.

The school wasn't quiet for very long as the school day ended and weekend or after school activities began. Voices were heard as music practices and club meetings were held.

Some of the clubs met to explore a shared interest in a foreign language or in a future career such as Future Educators of America. Groups such as the Spell Bowl team or the Academic Decathlon team, met to study together and had a good time as they prepared for their competitions. The staff of the *Mirror* showed their spirit by spending countless hours outside of class putting out a school paper which received the *Times* High School Newspaper of the Year award in the spring. The purpose of other clubs like the Key club and FHA were to make the community a little better. For example, the Environmental Club recycled cans to buy Merrillville fan Gary Corn a new bike.

Dances were one offshoot of the club scene as several groups sponsored dances throughout the year, from Homecoming, to Turnabout to Prom. However, dances weren't the only thing to create a little chaos. Drama students put on a series of one act plays in the fall, but returned to the more conventional musical, *Funny Girl*, in the spring. Then cries of laughter abounded when students showed their school spirit by participating in the Revue. The Creative Writing Club and its sponsor John Lamberse joined drama teacher Beverley Seaver by writing clever and amusing skits.

Musical groups also howled their spirit by performing their concerts. They also made appearances at Southlake Mall, in the community parades. They were all part of the Quiet Chaos that was created as part of school spirit.

—LISA FESKO

## Looking For Paradise

THIS YEAR'S HOMECOMING WAS FULL OF FUN EVENTS AND TOPPED OFF WITH A NIGHT IN PARADISE.

**W**alking down the hallway in your pajamas sounded like a bad dream. But to MHS students it was all fun and games dressing up to earn class points during Spirit Week. Students did such things as dress in pajamas, wear their hair wacky for crazy hair day, dress in swing and flapper attire for 1920's day, in class colors, and of course, the traditional purple and white day.

Gretchen Minchuk, '02, was one of the many to dress up. She said, "I thought it was cool and fun to dress up and show spirit." The football players decided to show off their spirit and entice the female population by wearing their tightest shirts the week of the big game.

Thursday's events consisted of the Homecoming Parade and the class games. The junior class and the dra-



matic society took first for their floats, while the seniors ruled the class games. Some of the events that students participated in were a pantyhose race, a pudding slide, twister, and a hot dog eating contest. Many students claimed that the games were fun and out of control.

All the week's events lead up to the Homecoming football game. The Pirate football team dominated the Wolves throughout the game. With the support of their

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**Monday - PJ  
Day**

**Tuesday -  
Crazy Hair  
Day**

**Wednesday -  
1920's Day**

**Thursday -  
Class Color  
Day**

**Friday -  
Purple and  
White Day**



fans, the Pirates ended the game with a score of 33-0, and the Michigan City Wolves were sent home howling. Ryan Dulla, '00, said, "I think we played well as a team, and we played up to our standards." He also said that the whole team was excited about the game which also helped them.

At half-time, the Homecoming Court was escorted to the middle of the field. The Court included seniors Jenny Chung, Sandy Damjanoski, Laura Luevano, Jennifer Mola, and Patty Underwood. Laura Luevano was crowned queen. She said, "I felt honored and overwhelmed with happiness that I was chosen." Also, during half-time, Nick Yack, '99, was announced as Mr. Football. Mr. Football was voted on by the whole team and was given to the person who the team feels was an athletic leader. Nick Yack said, "It was a great honor to win Mr. Football, especially with so many other great players on the team."





**CENTER** Fans show their enthusiasm by painting their bodies with a football players nickname on their chests.

**BELOW LEFT** Laura Luevano expresses her shock as her name was announced as the Homecoming queen.

**TOP RIGHT** Justin Adams makes a spectacular catch during the Homecoming game against Michigan City.

**MIDDLE RIGHT** The Homecoming Court poses for a picture before half-time.

**BOTTOM RIGHT** Students snag their dates to enjoy a romantic moment during one of the numerous slow songs of the night.



The week was topped off with the semi-formal Homecoming dance, "Lost in Paradise." Students from all grades enjoyed the night dancing and socializing under the balloons and palm trees that decorated the Hall of Flags. They captured the night with the disposable cameras they received at the door. Students also received Hawaiian leis to add to the paradise theme. Adding to the night, was the D.J. from Heartbreaker D.J.'s, whose music enhanced the mystical atmosphere, especially the slow, romantic songs. Cheryl Hoagland, '01, said, "I had a blast dancing with my friends, and the Hall of Flags looked really cool." After the dance, people went their separate ways. Some people went out to eat, while others called it a night. That evening many memories were created that will last in the minds of MHS students for life.—BETSY LUCAS



## FUN AND GAMES.

What do pudding, pantyhose, a game of twister, and hot dogs have in common? Well, all these things were a part of Merrillville's Homecoming games that took place on the Thursday during Homecoming week. Students from each class gathered by the field behind the tennis courts to show off their stuff and win some spirit points for their class. Those students who participated in the events picked the event they wanted to do and prepared all week. From sliding down a pudding slide to stuffing their faces with hot dogs, all who participated gave it their all. The seniors came out on top, triumphing over all the other classes.

## JUST ONE ACTS

'GETTING OUR ACTS TOGETHER' BRINGS A NEW APPROACH TO THE FALL PLAY.

**F**all Play this year was five one act plays put together. The five different acts were directed by different directors. The Dramatic Society called the whole play "Getting Our Acts Together." Even though the five different acts were directed by students, it was conducted by drama teacher Beverley Seaver.

One of the acts was called the "Death of Trotsky." It was about a man named Mr. Trotsky who was hit in his head with an ax by a Spanish gardener named Ramon, Matt Riveria, '00. This act showed eight different variations of the way Mr. Trotsky died. One of the funny moments during this act was that the ax fell out of Mr. Trotsky's head and Josh Gaboian, '00, and Kasi Zweig, '99, had to make up the lines for the rest of the play. This act was directed by Melissa Loar, '00.



The second act was called "Louis and Dave." This act was about two boys not on their usual Saturday night girl escapado. They turned up empty and things began to go awry when Dave, Adam Christopher, '00, let Louis, Dave Huber, '99, know that he was just not just into girls, but also into the finer things of life, like the ballet or classical music. Louis was shocked to hear this because he thought Dave was just like him. Louis be-

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**A "Duet for Bear and Dog" was a different play. It was about the interaction between the world of animals and humans.**

gan to think that his friend was weird, but even though the two were very different their friendship prevailed in the end. Lindsey Banks, '99, directed this act.

The third act was called "Duet for Bear and Dog," which was directed by Jennifer Bronoski, '00. The dog, Matt Cunningham, '02, chased the bear, Amanda Moloney, '99, up the tree. When they argued, and they found out that they knew a lot about each other. The dog's owner, a Russian woman, Jena Ashe, '99, saw the bear from her beauty shop. She made a phone call to the park ranger, Ben Ameling, '99, so they could tranquilize the bear to move her to the mountains. The animals could understand the humans, but the humans could not hear the animals talking. The bear was safely tranquilized and at the end of the act.

—TOWANDA HAMMONDS





**CENTER** Lisa Farver and Mike Glorioso perform in "Where Have All the Light Bugs Gone?"

**TOP** Dave Huber and Adam Christopher ride along on a night out for the boys.

**MOOSE** Josh Gabolan panics when he sees his Mrs. Trotsky with Ramon. The ax didn't make the situation any better.

**BOTTOM** Matt Cunningham, who is dog, urinates on the tree while the bear, Amanda Moloney, laughs.

**OPPOSITE BOTTOM** Cast members entertain playgoers by improvising in the lobby during intermission.



#### 'FOUR LITTLE WORDS' AND 'LIGHTNING BUGS'

This act was the biggest act. It had 25 people in it. It was about a lot of girls who tried out for a part, and all they had to say was just four words. They all tried out, but none of them made it because it was not quite what Mr. Fidgit, Mike Zelisko, '01, was looking for. Many of the girls tried different approaches. In the end, he met a girl who did not speak any English, but he felt she was the right person so he gave her the part. The four little words were "Your taxi is waiting." Robin Childress, '00, directed this act.

"Lightning Bugs" was a play about two strangers who created scenarios of love when they first met. This play was directed by Christina Towry, '99.





## A Holiday Wish

WHILE MANY STUDENTS PREPARE FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON, SOME ADD THE TURNABOUT DANCE TO THEIR HOLIDAY WISH LIST.

As you and your friends nervously flash smiles for your parent's endless photo shoot, you take a deep breath of the winter's fresh air, and realize that the tough part of your job has already been accomplished.

What was it you have accomplished? Asking that special guy to the Turnabout dance. A goal that many girls set, but only the brave achieved. Yes, it was that time of the year again, when MHS students got decked out in their formal attire and planned a night of dancing and dining. Except this time, it was the girls dishing out the dough, not the guys.



**ABOVE LEFT** Mike Megyesi and Stacey Trock take a break from dancing to share their romantic sides. This was the third dance the couple have attended together.

**OPPOSITE RIGHT TOP** Mansa Van Volkenburgh shows off her dance moves to her date, Merrillville graduate Doug Reeves. Many students invite dates from other schools.

**OPPOSITE RIGHT MIDDLE** The dance gave opportunities for friends, like this group, to boogie down with each other and enjoy sharing their dance moves.

**OPPOSITE RIGHT BOTTOM** Meghan Mauman assists Sarah Certa with fixing her dress while waiting in line for their dance pictures.

**OPPOSITE FAR RIGHT** Melissa Stewart and her date Jay Berry change the pace as they dance to one of the many slow songs played.

**LEFT** Some couples like Sara Stupic and Zach Sears enjoy a quiet moment by themselves rather than being constantly out on the dance floor.

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**This is the dance that gives the girls the chance to ask the guys. It may only be luck that he'll say yes and you'll be happy.**

Unlike Prom or Homecoming, the Turnabout dance was held with the intentions that the girls treat their dates for a night out, giving the guys a break. Bob Kleinaman, '00, said, "The dance is a good idea because it gets me off the hook from paying, but I was a nice guy and split the cost anyway."

This year's Turnabout dance was held on December 5th. To get the guests in gear for the holidays, the club chose "Dreaming of a White Christmas" as the dance's theme. The cafeteria resembled that of an early Christmas morning, decorated with snowflakes and all.

FEA members also made homemade ornaments with each couple's names and gave out snow globes. FEA member, Michelle Merkelis, '01, commented that these souvenirs were chosen because "we wanted to give out keepsakes, and we all agreed it should be related to Christmas."

To some students, such as Melissa Stuart, '02, the night was the first chapter of their high school memories. Stuart commented, "It was my first high school dance, so it was pretty exciting, different than middle school dances."

Many students agreed that the dance was the perfect grand finale to the year of 1998, snowflakes and all.

—JENNIFER MOLA

FEA MAKES THE TURNABOUT DANCE A NIGHT FOR GIRLS.

FEA, Future Educators of America, was the club that sponsored Turnabout. Many students in the club came in and helped decorate and make the special objects of the Turnabout dance go right.

FEA does more than just sponsor the Turnabout Dance. Club members got the chance to go to other schools and helped the teacher, observed, and maybe even got the chance to teach the kids. FEA, also helped future teachers with lessons and objectives for the future.

Many members got to see the results of the dance when many couples show up and excitedly searched for their ornament with the two special names. They might already be a couple, or they could be a couple after the dance.





## Slaying of the Wolves

PIRATES FACE THE WOLVES FOR THE LAST HOMECOMMING GAME OF THE CENTURY.

Where else could you find sexy legs, screaming fans, a great game and a sick pig? Look no further because that and a whole lot more could be found at Merrillville's Basketball Homecoming. The game took place February 5 on Merrillville's turf where our Pirates took on the Michigan City Wolves. The Pirates successfully defeated the Wolves 63-51.

The week before the big game started off as the ever popular Spirit Week. This was a week where the students of Merrillville racked up points toward an end of the year trip. This week included activities such as Pajama Day, Class Color Day, Crazy Hair Day and Purple and White Day. During this week, students also decorated the hallways with different colors and logos. These hallways were then judged and awarded Spirit points.

"Spirit week is fun because it gives students a chance to be silly," said Ginnie McKnight, '99.

**ABOVE** Cheerleader Beth Elliott takes her place at the center of the gym floor to await the queen's crowning. She took the night off from cheering to accept the honor of being on the Homecoming Court.

**RIGHT** Stacey Trock waves to the crowd as she takes her place with the rest of the queen candidates.

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Halftime events included the Hot Legs contest, the crowning of the Queen, and a sick pig for the Kiss the Pig contest.







**OPPOSITE** Homecoming Queen Jackie Lopez is crowned while members of her court look on. Stacey Trock, Christina Towry, Cheryl Emmett, and Sandy Damjanoski applaud.

**ABOVE** With a 48-37, Merrillville shoots two foul shots. The team went on to win the game 63-51.

**BOTTOM** Amanda Diehl walks out to join the court. She is a class officer in addition to playing tennis, volleyball, and basketball.



#### HERBERT GETS A REPRIEVE FROM KISSING THE PIG.

During Spirit Week, the annual Kiss the Pig contest was also held. Candidates for the dubious honor had jars into which

students threw their spare change to vote for the person they wanted to kiss the pig.

Sometimes the candidates convince their students to carry the jars for other candidates around at lunch collecting change to be sure that they will not win the contest.

Halftime events were supposed to end with the kissing of the pig, usually a cute little fellow, by the winner of the contest. Assistant Principal Tom Herbert won the privilege of puckering up to kiss the porker, but the event had to be canceled because the pig was sick so its owner wouldn't let it come to school.

Friday concluded the week with the Homecoming basketball game and the festivities that occurred during halftime.

One of the activities was the Hot Legs Contest which was won by Robert Wojcik, '99. "I waxed the night before so I knew I was a winner," Wojcik said sarcastically. The contestants, who wore shorts to display those sexy legs, wore brown bags over their heads to hide their identity. The contestant the crowd made the most noise for won the contest.

Then after the introduction of all the members of the court, Jackie Lopez was crowned Homecoming Queen. She said, "I felt surprised (about winning Homecoming Queen) because I could never see my-



self winning over all the other girls. They all were nice to me when my name was called."

Lopez added, "It was a good experience. I thank all my friends for voting for me. That is one of the moments that I will be talking about when I am grown."

The evening's festivities concluded with a dance in the upper gym. The dance, which was considered a celebration for winning the basketball game, was a casual affair. Unlike the Football Homecoming dance for which attire was semi-formal or good dress clothes, students wore school clothes and danced to music provided by a DJ.



## Dancing to love songs

FEBRUARY 5TH AND 6TH WERE NIGHTS TO DANCE TO "LOVE SONGS TO REMEMBER."

Traditional red and white Valentine wrapping paper covered the pillars around the dome at the center of the cafeteria. FHA members hurried to get finished adding decorations to the tables, including balloons saying "Be My Valentine," before the first of two Valentine's dances held that weekend.

On Friday, February 5, the annual Inclusion Valentine's Dance was held. All inclusion students and some former students were invited to attend. "The dance gives an opportunity for all inclusion students to interact with others just like them," explained Family and Consumer Sciences teacher and FHA co-sponsor Maggie Stallings.



**ABOVE** Jason Yagelski, '00, serenades his date as he sings along with the music at the Valentine's Dance.

**ABOVE TOP** Amanda Farley, '00, brings up the end of the conga line. Dancers enjoyed weaving in and out to the music.

**ABOVE MIDDLE** Students take time out from dancing to talk with friends. Decorations for the dance included Valentine's balloons and red and white paper dollies.

**ABOVE BOTTOM** Start with this foot. Mike Reyna, '99, and his dance get a dance lesson.

**ABOVE RIGHT** Showing their moves, students enjoy a song with a good beat.

**OPPOSITE** Jason McColly and Stephanie Samuels sway in time to a romantic slow song.

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## WHY DIDN'T YOU GO TO THE VALENTINE'S DANCE?

Some students chose not to attend the Valentine's dance. While some didn't have that special sweetheart with whom to attend the dance, the very fact that the dance was in the spring kept some people away as they were saving their money to spend on special clothes and limosines for Prom.

Others didn't go because they had to work or because they chose to go to the movies or spend time at their favorite hangout.

The video store was a popular inexpensive substitute from some students who stayed home with a group of friends. They ordered a pizza and sat back to enjoy a movie marathon of romantic Valentine favorites with their friends.

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**"The students always say they're bored, so this is a great way to entertain them."**

— FHA Co-sponsor Carol Von Behren

In their Sunday outfits, students greeted friends, watched movies, ate pizza, and had a great time dancing to the music played by DJ Curtis Minchuk.

"This is a great experience, and a way to enjoy time with their friends," explained Barb Dlouhy, head of the special education department. "FHA goes out of its way to help and does an outstanding job."

Phillip Oh, '00, said it was a great way to be with his friends. He also liked to see his friends who had graduated, but came back to this dance.

The following night couples entered the cafeteria for the Valentine's Dance. The theme was "Love Songs to Remember."

Again couples danced to the music played by Minchuk and had a good time talking with friends.

## Jeo-parody

THE REVUE WENT ON WITHOUT A HITCH OR PROBLEM AND WAS A SUCCESS.

A great success. That was the answer to "What was the Revue?"

"It went very well," according to Beverley Seaver, the faculty adviser for the Revue. "The cast and crew worked well together, and we put together a quality production."

This year's success involved a house band and a crazy group of kids showing their acting talent. Mike Glorioso, '99, played the game show host. The contestants were Ditzzy, Smarty, and Rosey. Rosey was the character who got the audience laughing with a duster in her hair. In the background you saw Laura Horwith, '01, who got to be Vanna White for the night, who took the position of sign girl from last year's sign boy. On her signs were funny things about the game show host.



The skits, which English teacher John Lambersie and the Creative Writing club helped write were actually introductions. The show started out with a dance routine from the MHS senior poms. The Jazz Band played, as well as, some other bands. Nikolaj Kostur, '00, played his guitar and sang a song which got the crowd hooting.

Other acts included solos and duets. Cheryl Major, '00, sang a solo from the artist Jewel. A duet from Robyn Childress, '00,

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**With the takeoff from a game show the cast brought the acts to life with a few laughs.**



and Lindsey Banks, '99, had the crowd hushed.

A number of groups sang songs. The group of boys who sang "Can you Feel the Rain?" received a standing ovation from the audience. Then a girl's group sang "Lately," which was dedicated to Nicole Sanchez.

Nate Lacny returned with his magic tricks this year with a new assistant, his sister. He performed a trick in which his sister went in the box and Lacny came out.

All good things had to end, and this year's Revue ended with a bang. The house band pumped "Come on Eileen" with Kasie Zweig, '99, on vocals. The cast came out and danced and the two night talent show was over.

Seaver said she always had high expectations for the Revue. "We have so much great talent here. Each year I think the Revue gets better and better."



**OPPOSITE LOWER** With the contestants lined up and Roxey looking the wrong way, Mike Glonoso tries to get Lisa Farver straightened out.

**OPPOSITE** The house band pumps up the crowd by playing popular songs.

**LOWER TOP** Robyn Childress and Lindsey Banks sing there hearts out to the audience.

**LOWER MIDDLE** Mike Glonoso plays game show host and Laura Horwith stares at him.

**OPPOSITE** Lisa Farver gets some practice acting crazy as the crew sets up for the Revue to begin.



## REVUE TECHIES

What you didn't see during any normal performance would be the people who worked backstage. Many shows had the technical part and that was where the techies stepped in with their black gear on. Haven't you ever wondered how the lights were perfect and every set was in the right spot for the actors? It was the work from the techies again.

Since no one really got to see them the only recognition they got was what came from the audience at the end of the performance. That was when they got recognized for all their hard work.





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## A 'Funny' Experience

"FUNNY GIRL" BECAME A SHOW THAT WAS ENJOYED BY EVERYONE, BOTH THE AUDIENCE AND PERFORMERS.

Have you ever felt out of place, or that you didn't fit in with the crowd? If you had, you probably related a lot to Fanny Brice, the star character of the spring musical, "Funny Girl."

The show was about "a talented Jewish actress named Fanny Brice" who overcame many obstacles and "becomes rich and famous," said Josh Gaboian, '00. Gaboian played Nick Arnstein, "a suave sophisticated gambler," who was Fanny's love interest. Gaboian "enjoyed the challenge" of portraying "a complex character such as Nick," he explained.

Of course, the main character was Fanny Brice, played by Lindsey Banks, '99, and Robin Childress, '00. Banks commented, " 'Funny Girl' was a fantastic way to spend most of my last year in high school. I related so much to the character, and that helped make it easy."

**ABOVE** Ray Keilman, Jennifer Bronowski, Mike Glonoso, Lisa Farver, and Melissa Loar take some time to sing in the middle of their competitive poker game.

**RIGHT** Josh Gaboian and Lindsey Banks portray a very dramatic scene in the show in which Nick is furious with Fanny for using her money to get him out of trouble.



**"TO THE  
PEOPLE  
WHO  
THINK IT  
LOOKS  
EASY, IT'S  
NOT!"  
MELISSA  
LOAR, '00**







**LEFT** Lindsey Banks overflows with excitement as she plays Fanny Brice. Chas Reilly and Jeff Roth look on as Fanny describes life as a married woman.

**LOWER RIGHT** Robin Childress displays the liveliness that she feels she has in common with Fanny in this number with the rest of the "Funny Girl" cast.



#### ONE OF A KIND

"'Funny Girl' was a thrilling experience for me as a director. All in all, it was one of the most professional high school shows I can remember." These were the words of Beverley Seaver, who chose "Funny Girl" as the spring musical "because I really love the show, and I thought that this year we had the talent to do it." Seaver was not only an inspiration as a director but also as a teacher.

She commented, "For me, the best part of my job is when I see something that we worked on in class being carried over by a student into another aspect of their life. I love to think that I'm helping students to gain skills that will help them later on."

One particularly special moment for Seaver during the show was "closing night when the military music began after the curtain call and my son, PFC. Matt Seaver of the U.S. Marines, came on stage in his dress blues to present me with flowers. Although the night belonged to the cast and crew, that special moment belonged to me." That moment was certainly deserved because Seaver did so much for the cast and crew, both on and offstage. Many will agree with Lindsey Banks' final comment— "Thanks a million, Mrs. Seaver!"

Childress shared the role with Banks. She also related to Fanny. "I think we had a lot in common," said Childress. "She was a very outgoing person...very bubbly and lively."

One embarrassing moment for Banks and Childress involved them "falling half-naked on each other during very speedy costume changes," said Banks.

"Ronnie Dergo did fantastic in his role," Banks replied. Dergo, '99, found a special niche in his portrayal of Eddie Ryan, Fanny's dance instructor. "Eddie is a sarcastic character who uses sarcasm to get his points across," said Dergo.

Another key character in the show was Fanny's mother, Mrs. Brice, played by Melissa Loar, '00. "My



character is a warm-hearted soul who loves to brag about her daughter," commented Loar. And Childress said, "I loved how Melissa Loar just loved her part and put all she had into it."

Jennifer Bronowski, '00, played Mrs. Strakosh, Mrs. Brice's best friend. Bronowski described her character as "a very nosy person that always must know what's going on in other people's lives." At times, Bronowski found it difficult to bring Mrs. Strakosh to life, but according to Banks, she finally "truly found her part."

In spite of some extremely long rehearsals and much hard work, "Funny Girl" did turn out to be a lot of fun. "I hope everyone else had as much fun with the show as I did," said Gaboian.

—Tiffany Stochel

## The Grand Finale

THE START OF NEW PROM TRADITIONS HELP CREATE A NIGHT OF WARM HEARTS AND ENDLESS MEMORIES.

It was one of the many magical nights that little girls were brought up to dream about. A star lit evening of luxury limos, heavenly gowns and a lifetime of enchanting memories. This year's prom took place on Friday, May 14th. School was let out at 11 a.m. leaving girls plenty of time to finish all those last minute touches. The night kicked off at 6 p.m. with the Grand March held in the Hall of Flags.

One of the many changes to Prom, appetizers were served to the guests as they waited for the crowning to begin. Last year's Prom King Andrew Draper and Queen Laura Luevano passed their royalty on to this year's winners King Ryan Lawrence and Queen Beth Elliott. "I was nervous and excited at the same time," said Beth Elliott, '00. "I was honored that I was chosen, it made my Junior prom the most memorable school experience."



Students then loaded back in their cars, limos, and in some cases buses to be escorted to the dance, which unlike previous years was held in the Hellenic Center instead of the St. Elijah Hall.

After all the guests had arrived students socialized while enjoying dinner, catered for the first time by The Patio. Eventually, one by one couples begin to make their way to the dance floor. The Junior Class decided to add

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**Colors:**  
lavender,  
silver, and  
sea green.  
**Theme:**  
"From This  
Moment"  
**King and  
Queen:**  
Ryan  
Lawrence  
and Beth  
Elliot.



some fresh excitement to the prom by planning karaoke and games, such as a dance contest and limbo.

This year's juniors and seniors were also given the opportunity to choose the prom's theme including the song and colors. The most voted category was "From This Moment" by Shania Twain and the colors were lavender, silver, and seafoam green. Guests danced amidst fog under romantic decorations, like a large cathedral clock that was set above the dance floor.

The Prom committee spent hours hanging lights and streamers. Teviss Turner, '99 said, "Everything looked great, but my date looked the most beautiful." However, Turner felt dinner shouldn't be served at the dance because everybody grabbed a bite to



**OPPOSITE LOWER LEFT** Katie Taylor and Joe Klippel make their entrance into the Grand March.

**LEFT** Michelle Uremovich and her date Charles Elliott take a break from dancing to enjoy a light conversation with each other.

**UPPER** King Ryan Lawrence looks on while Queen Beth Elliott receives her crown and royal title.

**MIDDLE** The girls take over during the dance contest while the guys nominate the winner with the most impressive moves.

**BOTTOM** Sandy Damjanowski gets down with her date Teddy Flores.



eat afterwards anyways. "It would give more time to dance and cut down on ticket price," explained Turner. Despite many changes Prom tickets remained fifty dollars for each couple.

Eventually, as the dance came to an end couples began to continue on their merry ways. The night was still young, and many guests went for their dinner reservations either locally or in Chicago. Others enjoyed themselves at post-prom parties. From there on the weekend was their own. Couples and friends shared each other's company anywhere from Great America, Indiana Beach, Navy Pier to Turkey Run.

All in all, Prom '99 touched the hearts of many and proved to be the premier event of the year.

—JENNIFER MOLA



#### A STARRY NIGHT OF ROMEOS AND CINDERELLAS.

Prom was the perfect opportunity for students to express their sophisticated side. It was the perfect indication of how fast styles come and go. This year girls tended to stick to light and pastel colored dresses, with white being the most popular. A variety of girls wore long length, and strutted around in the new corset style. Hair was unique to each individual, but butterfly clips seemed to be the "mane" attraction. Guys were in the updated styles of tuxes and bow ties. Whatever the case, Prom was a very special night where students felt and acted at their best.



## Soul and Inspiration

INSPIRATIONAL CHOIR PRESENTS THREE CONCERTS IN FIRST YEAR AT MHS

People say there's a first time for everything. This year proved to be the first time for the Inspirational Choir. The group, which had three concerts, got off to a successful start.

"During the first year that I taught here at Merrillville, I was approached by students who had heard of my college experience of singing with the Ebony Majestic Choir of Indiana State University and asked if I would be interested in sponsoring a choir at Merrillville," explained history teacher Sheldon Floyd. "I agreed, but the choir really didn't pick up momentum until this year."



**ABOVE** Inspirational Choir members watch director Sheldon Floyd closely for their next cue.

**ABOVE TOP RIGHT** Gestures are often part of the songs the choir sings.

**ABOVE MIDDLE RIGHT** Drums, saxophone, and keyboards are used to accompany the Inspirational Choir.

**ABOVE BOTTOM RIGHT** History teacher Sheldon Floyd directs the Inspirational Choir at one of their concerts. He also sings with the group.

**FAR RIGHT** Inspirational Choir members sing in a gospel program held at a Valparaiso church.

**OPPOSITE** Students clap their hands and play a tambourine in time with the music. The songs the choir sings are uplifting.

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With some assistance from English teacher Viveca Carter, Floyd got the group under way holding practices in the arena or in his classroom.

The Inspirational Choir held a concert in Reinhart Auditorium. "Melodies from Heaven" was the closing celebration of the Black History Month program sponsored by the Diversity Club. The program featured gospel music and included the Indiana State Ebony Majestic Choir from Indiana State University as well as the Inspirational Choir.

The group also traveled to Gary to take part in a concert. Later in the spring, the group traveled to Valparaiso where they joined other local inspirational groups in song.

The Inspirational Choir will continue next year but, there will be auditions at the beginning of the school year before students can participate. Since this was the first year for the Inspirational Choir, anyone who wanted to join was allowed to sing with the group.

— LYNEE JONES

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In its first year the Inspirational Choir presented concerts in Reinhart Auditorium, Gary, and in Valparaiso.



### INSPIRATIONAL CHOIR HAS A DIFFERENT FOCUS.

Are you inspired yet? The Inspirational Choir sang songs that focused on inspirational and positive messages. They were also songs that lifted up Jesus Christ. For example, "Jesus is a Rock" was one song the group sang.

Choir members explained what they liked best about the Inspirational choir. Some liked the music that the group sings, but others liked the way the people in the choir related to each other.

Marquita Dennis said, "I am able to have fellowship with people who also love to sing."

While Danaah Frazier commented, "For the few performances I have been in, it was great to see the audience applaud. That made me feel good personally."



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## Playing Magic Tunes

ALONG WITH THE REGULAR EVENTS, THE BAND PLAYED AT DISNEY'S MAGIC KINGDOM.

**N**ot many schools got an opportunity to travel out of state, so when the chance comes up be sure to grab it! The Band of Pirates did just that. They took their talents and music to the sunshine state of Florida over Spring Break. Two hundred thirty students and 63 adults traveled 24 straight hours on six buses to Disney World.

Upon arrival into the park the band cooled off at Wet-n-Wild water park. According to some of the band members this was an awesome start to the visit after traveling 24 hours.

On a sunshining Monday afternoon the Band of Pirates appeared in the Main Street parade in Magic Kingdom. They jammed throughout the path playing a neat Latin piece called "Sirocco."

**ABOVE** Ryan Jezuit, Adam Hazlett, Nate Lacny, and Rob Wojcik acknowledge applause after performing percussion in one of the many band concerts this year.

**LOWER RIGHT** Members of the band come to a halt after marching forward to conclude the school song. The school song was a pre-game event for every home game.



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293 participated in the travel to Florida and enjoyed themselves in Disney World.







The Animal Kingdom, downtown Disney, EPCOT Center, the Magic Kingdom, and Disney MGM were just some of the parks the band went to for fun. Band director Mary Clay said, "The Florida trip was such a wonderful time of fun. The students made me extremely proud of their performance in the parade."

Along with the Florida trip, the band continued their traditional season with contest, football games, basketball games, competition, and concerts. This year's halftime show consisted of the 1945 era. Swing music and the war songs made the year fun for those who enjoyed the style.

With the addition of a Field Commander, Kim Drobac, '00, to help conduct, the band was ready to perform. Conducting were senior drum majors Taria Selmon and Sara Stupic and junior drum major, Melissa Maragos. The band program has been growing; therefore, this



**CENTER** The Band of Pirates proudly march down Main Street in Florida while playing "Sirocco."

**BOTTOM RIGHT** Adam Hazlett performs his drum solo during the contest halftime show.



**THE BAND RECEIVED THE HIGHEST RATING POSSIBLE FOR ITS 1945 SHOW.**

Cries of joy were heard from the Band of Pirates when they received a Division I rating for their performance at contest.

All of the practice had finally paid off. After all, practicing did get pretty frustrating day-in and day-out, but the band was striving for their goal of a Division I rating.

The band began with a 40 hour band camp before school started in preparation for the halftime show. After the start of school, practice reduced to four hours per week outside the school day.

The theme of the marching show was "1945" which included songs from the World War II era. The show was a combination of swing style and patriotic tunes that included "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "Sing, Sing, Sing," "Opus One," "Take the A Train," and "God Bless America." Soloists in the show included Debra Drobac on clarinet, Adam Hazlett on drum set, and Dave Robbins on tenor sax.

All in all, the band proved once again that the old adage practice makes perfect could come true.

year a second jazz band was added. Jazz Impact and Jazz Impressions both earned Division I ratings at ISSMA Jazz Contest. The concert bands gave three concerts throughout the school year and performed at organization contest sponsored by the state music organization.

Concert season bands included Concert Band made up of freshmen, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble. This year's concerts included Winter Concert, Pre-Contest Concert, and finally the Spring Concert in May. On top of concerts and contests, the band enjoyed playing the football halftime show, and playing at basketball games.

According to Clay the greatest part of playing at basketball games was "the sheer joy and great fun we have in making the gym 'rock'."

—GINA BARTOLOMEO



## Season of change

THE COLORGUARD MARCHED RIGHT DOWN MAIN STREET ALONG WITH THE BAND.

The colorguard spent its 1998-99 season learning to adapt to the new changes. First change, was a new coach Jodie Zawatne came to coach from Ohio.

Along with Zawatne came new names, styles, and dance steps. In was a lot of work to start over, but the Colorguard was up to the challenge. They practiced and they learned the new steps.

As in the past the Colorguard performed with the band in halftime shows at football games. This year's half-time show was set in 1945. It featured swing music and war songs.



**ABOVE** Colorguard members march in the parade at Disney World during Spring Break. The group accompanied the band to Florida.

**ABOVE TOP** Angela Dejesus prepares to try out for Colorguard. After a couple of days learning the skills and routines, those trying out must perform for the judges who select the Colorguard.

**ABOVE MIDDLE** Nicole Tomko, Crystal Woolwine, and Kasey Samson first learn the steps without the flags. The twirling comes later.

**ABOVE BOTTOM** Crystal Woolwine practices her steps in the aerobics room so she can check her progress in the mirror.

**RIGHT** Dana English and Valerie Plummer practice their moves in the hall by the band room.

**OPPOSITE** Colorguard members cheer for the team at a home football game.

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The group also marched in parades and competed at Marching Band Contest. The group marched in the Homecoming Parade, the Christmas Parade, and in the Memorial Day Parade. However, the biggest parade they marched in was down Main Street in the Magic Kingdom, in Florida, over Spring Break. This event was the highlight of the season for Colorguard members who twirled their flags to a Latin piece called "Sirocco."

While in Florida the group spent time at Wet-N-Wild water park, the Animal Kingdom, the Magic Kingdom, EPCOT Center, and Disney MGM just having a good time and working on their tans. Then they had to face the six hour bus ride home. In spite of the long ride, the group had a great time.

Then, along came tryouts. Being a member of Colorguard was not a guarantee the person would make it the next year. So students attended practices and then finally performed before the judges. The lucky ones became next year's Colorguard.

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The  
season's  
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Disney  
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the band  
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## Swingin' Strings

WITH CONCERTS AND THE CHANCE TO PLAY IN FLORIDA, THE ORCHESTRA HAD A GOOD YEAR.

**T**he crowd watched as the conductor raised the baton. Who was the new guy? It was the new orchestra teacher, John Bradford. Bradford took over after Barbara Timmerman left. He worked hard, and with a smile, tried to pass new concepts to the students. Justine Wojcik, '99, said, "Bradford has done a great deal more than was expected of him for his first year, and I know the orchestra will continue to improve with him."

Another change for the orchestra this year was that there were two classes instead of one. This change came along because of the growing number of students joining the program. For the first year, they split the classes by having freshmen and sophomores in the third hour class and juniors and seniors in the fourth hour class.

So what made Orchestra so different? The people were



a group, and together they made music come alive. Radhika Dave, '01 said, "The class interacts with each other." Interaction is what made the year a special one.

Adding to the positive year, the orchestra got the chance to travel to Florida. For some this was the first time, for others it was a different experience. The orchestra traveled to Florida on a 24 hour bus ride and spent time at EPCOT Center performing in 98 degree weather. The

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The orchestra had a good year with change in teacher and a second orchestra which indicated a growing program.

orchestra performed 11 different songs for the Florida crowds but still had time to return with many memories and souvenirs. According to Dave, "We all got to know each other better [in Florida]."

Many of the students got involved from seeing past orchestra groups play. Now it was their turn to inspire the young and get them to join a program that was growing and sure to have a bright future. With Bradford many things were possible. Tiffany Greene, '99, added, "It was worth the eight years of practices and fun times we had."

Wojcik commented, "People love sports but don't realize we are like a team. We practice and have a coach; then we try to do our best at performances."



**OPPOSITE LOWER LEFT** Kristina Berta and Maria Toledo concentrate on their music during the Christmas concert.

**LEFT** Janice Marler pauses from playing her cello to watch director John Bradford.

**TOP** The third hour orchestra plays a piece during one of the three concerts. The new orchestra was added to help with the growing numbers.

**MIDDLE** Al Johnson goes with the flow of the music and projects his part to the audience.

**BOTTOM** With gentle movements of the bow, Dana Gombus and Janice Marler make a beautiful sound with their cellos.



#### PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT EVERY TIME

With many changes in classes and routines, the orchestra got a change in teachers. John Bradford joined the staff for the 1998-1999 school year just in time to lead the orchestra to Florida and many other activities.

Bradford, an IU graduate, taught band for 19 years before making the switch to orchestra. He played the French horn, and now he plays the violin. "I practice everyday," he said. You could also have seen his name in the program for MHS's "Funny Girl." He played the French horn in the pit orchestra.

This was his first time teaching orchestra at a high school. Bradford said, "I'm happy to be here!"





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## Rollercoaster season

THIS YEAR'S POM SQUAD PULLS TOGETHER AND PROVES THAT CHALLENGES ONLY MAKE THEM STRONGER.

Starting off on the right beat was how the pom team, made up of thirty girls on both Junior Varsity and Varsity teams, began their season in early June. However, at the start of the school year the poms were faced with a difficult situation when their coach unexpectedly had to drop the team because of personal reasons.

The dance members soon realized that the fun and games had to come to an end if they still wanted a pom squad to exist at MHS. For two months the team pulled together and handled parent supervised practices on their own and also continued to perform at football games.

Eventually, Barb Lucas, the mother of a pom member volunteered to take over, and soon after that the coach opening was filled by Harrison teacher and pom coach, Cindy Banis. The J.V. team was also blessed with new coach Mrs. Z. By the opening of competition, the poms were back at full force with a more studio based style of dance.

**ABOVE LEFT** The pom squad joins in with basketball fans to help cheer on the players. The dance team, along with the cheerleaders, are supposed to help promote school spirit.

**RIGHT** Jennifer Mola and Lindsey Mysliwiec express the dance team's new style of dancing while performing for basketball fans. Coach Banis introduced them to a different style.



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An unexpected change in coaches and in the style of dancing improved the dance teams and created a better season.







**LEFT** The Varsity dance squad strikes their pose after showing off their "Megadeath" competition routine. All 15 girls prepared for the routine for almost three months in advance.

**BOTTOM** Krissi Mersot gets caught up in the moment while performing the halftime routine at one of the many football games. This year's Band of Pirates performed 1945's theme music.



**IT'S SO HARD TO SAY  
GOODBYE.**

Nothing could wipe the smiles off the faces of those seniors who never had to endure cafeteria food again. To the

senior dance team members graduating was more than just stale fries. As with all other seniors who participate in sports, graduation was a closing of a big chapter of their lives. Considering the pom season was year-round, these girls had practically grown up together. The majority of them had danced together for four years, and some went all the way back to middle school. Sure spending all these years together had made them like sisters, but none of the girls would deny having their share of fights either. This year's dance team graduated eight girls: Gina Bartolomeo, Sandy Damjanoski, Mary Grace Foster, Jenny Grubb, Paula Lopes, Betsy Lucas, Jennifer Mola, and Patty Underwood. As a tradition the seniors always performed a secret routine at the last basketball game. This year's senior routine proved to be unique. The girls combined Beastie Boys and Offspring and then ended with a dramatic routine to "I Will Remember You" by Sarah McLaughlin. The members even threw some acting in there in remembrance of the season's highs and lows. It was definitely a memorable grand finale!

"I loved the style of dance we had, and I hope it is able to continue on," said Stephanie Spangler, '01.

Even though team members seemed to be cursed with injuries and illnesses, the team still succeeded at Regionals by placing second in both the pom and dance category, and advancing to the State Finals. Randi Pigg, '00, said that on qualifying, the team made goals "to improve the scores from previous years," which she thought they accomplished. The state competition kicked off on Valentine's weekend in Indianapolis with MHS's Paula Lopes, '99, placing second in the new solo and ensemble category. Then five seniors, Sandy Damjanoski, Mary Grace Foster, Paula Lopes, Jennifer Mola, Patty Underwood, and one junior, Krissi Mersot, qualified for the All-State Dance Team. The whole squad left with two fifth place State Titles and year of endless memories, despite a rocky road along the way.

—JENNIFERMOLA



## Sweetness of song

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF ROGER EMIG, THE CHOIR LEARNED A WIDE RANGE OF MUSIC AND WERE INVITED TO PERFORM AT EPCOT CENTER IN DISNEY WORLD.

**J**azz, Broadway, Latin, upbeat American, and operatic - all are compliments of one exciting group - the choir.

"It has been the greatest experience of my life because it has opened windows of opportunity and given me a chance to make really great friends," said Kyle Vrotny, '01.

One major part in the choir's busy schedule involved going to Florida during Spring Break. Kelley Sullivan, '00, responded, "It was a blast, and I'd do it all over again in a heartbeat."



"I will remember [it] as long as I live," said Chad Reilly, '01.

They visited the Magic Kingdom, MGM, and Wet 'n Wild, but the reason for going was to perform at Epcot Center. "Every day we woke up and practiced for an hour and a half," said Matt Rivera, '00, as he described the choir's preparation for their performance.

**"My best memory was performing at Disney World because it was a great experience."**

**Kari Jo Majkowski, '99**



Choir director Roger Emig commented that it was "by far our best performance ever."

The choir also had other focus points. "This year we learned more music theory and worked a lot more on sight-singing," replied Kristine Dabu, '01. Michelle Schreiner, '99, added, "This year we have focused more on singing rather than dancing." Emig confirmed, "We worked more on blend and harder on sight-singing."

Students in the choir still had some memorable moments throughout the year. Sullivan remembered a choir concert when the "roof was leaking! Rain water started dripping on my head and all over my music." However, Reilly's embarrassing moment was "when my voice cracked while I was singing a solo."

No matter what kinds of memories were created, one similarity linked most all of the choir members. "We are like a big family, and we are there for each other," replied Rivera. And Dabu sums up all her feelings toward the choir in one phrase, "I love it."

— TIFFANY STOCHEL



**OPPOSITE BOTTOM** Wynnie Dergo concentrates on bringing his music to life as he sings.

**OPPOSITE LEFT** Robin Childress and Kyle Vrotny join hands in their performance.

**BELOW TOP** The Velveteens were an all-girls show choir that danced and worked on their three-part harmony.

**BELOW MIDDLE** Jennifer Bronowski and Matt Rivera, both Vocalteens, display their ability as singers and performers.

**BELOW BOTTOM** The Concert Choir blends their sound during the Christmas show.



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The heart and soul of the choir lie within Mr. Roger Emig. He was the one who sacrificed sleep and time to make his choir and all their performances memorable and spectacular. He said that the best part of his job was certainly all the "interaction with the students." His teaching philosophy of also being a friend to the students was able to inspire many people toward achieving their musical goals. "Vocally, this is the best year we've had," commented Emig. He was quite impressed by the choir's performance in Disney World. He added that preparing for the experience gave the students a "goal to focus in on." And, of course, Emig was a big part of the lives of many, both in their musical and personal worlds.





## Overcoming injuries

CHEERLEADERS CONTINUED TO LOOK AT THE POSITIVE SIDE AS THEY FORGED ON TO PLACE FIRST IN THEIR DIVISION.

In cheerleading, 1998-99 was known as the year of the injury. Twice during the season injuries had a chance to ruin everything, but the squad wouldn't let it.

Football season proved uneventful. The squad had bonded and everything was going well. Jacky Van Dusseldorp, '00, said, "Our squad really bonded this year. It made it more enjoyable to cheer with people that got along well."

Then along came basketball season and the injuries hit. First, Beth Elliott, '00, fell while practicing a stunt. The result was a broken leg and the end of her season cheerleading. It was hard for the team to deal with the

**ABOVE** Jacky Van Dusseldorp, Jennifer Pedroza, and Beth Elliott fire up the crowd during football season.

**ABOVE TOP** Spotters wait to catch Cheryl Hoagland during a timeout at a basketball game.

**ABOVE MIDDLE** Stunts can prove to be dangerous. Early in basketball season Beth Elliott broke her leg when she fell while practicing a stunt.

**ABOVE BOTTOM** Cheering for the defense, cheerleaders must understand the games they cheer at so that they know which cheers to do.

**RIGHT** Ryan Petry encourages the crowd to cheer. Male cheerleaders do stunts, cheer, and help the girls with lifts.

**OPPOSITE** Beth Elliott finishes a stunt during football season. The cheerleaders were grateful that the fall weather didn't get really bad this year.



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loss of a member "especially since we had cheered together since our freshman year," explained Jessica Gray, '00. But the season went on.

"We had to get used to working with Cheryl [Hoagland], but it worked out pretty well," said Van Dusseldorp. "I was surprised at how quickly Cheryl picked up on all the cheers, dances, and stunts."

Injuries struck again just the day before competition when Katie Taylor sprained her ankle. "We did really well considering we changed our routine the morning of competition due to an injury, and we still got first place," commented Gray.

The squad that the basketball team made it to the Semi-State finals. "That also made it that much harder, making it that far but not going to State," said Gray. Nevertheless, it was a good experience. "We loved cheering in front of such a big crowd; it was a lot of fun," explained Van Dusseldorp.

"Even through all the injuries and tiring practices, we came together and had a lot of fun doing it," summed up Ryan Bailey, '99.

—JENNY GRUBB

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Injuries brought the squad closer "because we had to work together to come up with new ideas." Ryan Bailey, '99



THE SAYING IS TRUE. PRACTICE DOES MAKE PERFECT.

Cheerleaders practiced nearly every day during the summer to learn and perfect the cheers they performed. Then when school started the squad dropped to practicing twice a week, usually for three hours.

Things really got intense when the squad prepared to go to competition though. "Once competition started, we had morning practices before school and practice after school just about every day for about two to three hours," according to Jessica Gray, '00.

This meant a lot of togetherness for the squad. Ryan Bailey, '99, said, "It sometimes got to the point where we all knew what each other was thinking."





## Putting a lid on drugs

SADD CLUB MEMBERS ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE PEERS TO BE PROUD OF BEING DRUG FREE.

**R**ed Ribbon Week was an event that took place during the week of October 26 culminating with a balloon release on Friday after school and a theatrical presentation the following Monday.

The week's activities began with "Put a Lid on Drugs Day." This allowed students to wear hats around the school. Tuesday students were able to demonstrate their antipathy towards substance abuse by wearing crazy socks. Wednesday was "Dress for Success Day." That day students dressed up in their Sunday best to show their spirit. Thursday was the day that the student body dressed in red, and Friday the student body wore Halloween costumes.

Another part of the week's events was the annual candlelight walk. Students, faculty, and members of the community walked from Pierce Middle School to the high school to express their sympathy for the victims of drug and alcohol abuse.

The balloon release, originally scheduled for after school Thursday, took place Friday after school and went off without a hitch.

SADD club officer Jon Rybicki, '99, said, "The balloons had messages attached to them asking whoever may

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Dress-up days, candlelight walk, balloon release, and skits highlight drug and alcohol abuse awareness activities.







find the balloon to send any story they might have in connection to drugs and or alcohol to the school."

On Monday actress/dancer Suzie Vanderlip performed short skits demonstrating the effects of alcohol on real people in real life situations. The characters she portrayed were all based on people she had met in her travels. They were a gang-banger from Southern California, a cheerleader who hates her drunken father, an abused spouse who is fearful of her alcoholic husband and unsure of how to handle the situation, and a fourteen year-old girl who had sex promiscuously because her parents showed her no love, and ended up contracting the HIV virus.

The last sad tale she had to tell was of a young couple in love. But, the young couple was torn apart by substance abuse. These two high school sweethearts saw the love they shared shrivel up and die because of one partner's drug abuse. This partner died because of his addiction; this partner was Vanderlip's husband.

**ABOVE RIGHT** SADD club president Deme Stath is interviewed about the club's activities for the week.

**BOTTOM LEFT** Club sponsor Jennifer Fuller talks to the media about the importance of Red Ribbon Week, and SADD club to her.

**TOP RIGHT** SADD club members ride their float down Broadway during the Homecoming parade. The float emphasizes the need to abstain from doing drugs and drinking alcohol. It is a way the students can take their message to people of all ages.



#### CLUB CHANGES NAME TO ALLOW A WIDER RANGE OF ISSUES.

From teen pregnancies to drug addictions, today's teens had to deal with severe problems.

This year, the SADD Club changed the meaning of it's name to Students Against Destructive Decisions. It previously stood for Students Against Drunk Driving, and the club was limited to covering only drunk driving issues.

SADD sponsor Jennifer Fuller explained that with the new name change the club could expand and cover a number of issues young adults were faced with every day. With the new name, the club dedicated each month to an important teen issue. Some of which included vandalism, depression, domestic violence, eating disorders, and many more crucial problems.

The members felt that they could really show how big a role SADD played since they could now go beyond the issue of drunk driving.

Fuller was ecstatic about the many activities and issues the club worked on throughout the year. In fact, she was a SADD member, as well as an officer, when she was in high school. She said the club did not play a very important role for the students while she was in school.

Fuller sponsored SADD for three years, and she enjoyed every bit of it. "Having a good influence on teens who have tried the drug lifestyle and to stop those in the middle from becoming involved" was the one key thing Fuller said she got out being the sponsor of SADD.

The club was all about making a promise to stay in line, live a clean life, and to help others to do the same. It provided a haven for young teens who wanted to be themselves and be surrounded with those like them.

"I joined SADD because I want to make a difference for myself and for others who are faced with problems," said Jenny Chung, '99.

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**BELOW LEFT** Students participate in the Grand March in the Hall of Flags before being escorted to the Hellenic Center for Prom.

**BELOW RIGHT** Students dance to a romantic slow song at the Valentine's Dance sponsored by HERO.



**OPPOSITE** Lindsey Banks plays Fanny Brice in the wedding scene from "Funny Girl."

**RIGHT TOP** Students relax in the Senior Citizen's Center between dances at the Homecoming Dance sponsored by Student Government. The dance had a Hawaiian theme.

**BOTTOM RIGHT** A violinist concentrates on his performance at the orchestra concert.

**BOTTOM FAR RIGHT** Drama teacher Beverley Seaver listens to Lindsey Banks's questions during dress rehearsal of "Funny Girl."








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**BELOW RIGHT** Christmas lights reflect off the sequins, as the choir performs at the annual Christmas Concert.

**BELOW LEFT** Speech team members work on homework as they wait for their scores or their next event.



**TOP LEFT** Jason Webb shows off his moves at the Turnabout dance.

**BOTTOM FAR LEFT** Students do the Chicken dance at the Prom. The Prom was held at the Hellenic Center for the first time this year.

**BOTTOM LEFT** Mary Grace Foster and Sandy Damjanoski cheer on the team at a home football game.

**OPPOSITE** Percussionists wait for their cue from the director at the orchestra concert.



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**Athletes push to excel**







**TOP RIGHT** Kristina Gros prepares to return a ground stroke. The Girls' Tennis team went farther this year than ever before losing in the Semi-State finals.

**BOTTOM RIGHT** Jake Rodriguez works for the pin as the referee waits to slap the mat.

**TOP** Robyn Johnson grimaces as she gets a good look at where her ball landed. She was the only senior on the Girls' Golf team.

**MIDDLE TOP** The catcher prepares to return the ball to the pitcher during warm-ups.

**MIDDLE** Eugene Wilson drags a Michigan City defender for a couple more yards. The Bucs won the game 31-0.

**MIDDLE BOTTOM** Chris Goff goes into his spin before slinging the discus.

**BOTTOM** Jessica Gray clears the high jump bar on the first attempt. She now moves up to the next height.

## No matter what the sport, long hours of practice help Pirate athletes prepare for successful seasons.

A hush fell over the crowd as they waited for the kick. No matter what the sport was, the team did its best to win, and in many cases the long hours of practice and fundamentals paid off. The football team created its own brand of Quiet Chaos as it started out the season undefeated. Many other teams had better records, or individuals who achieved their personal bests. The Boys' Soccer team had its best season in years under the direction of coach Brian Past.

The Boys' Basketball team kept the crowd on their toes as they advanced to Semi-State before falling to a strong Elkhart Central team. Although the Girls' Basketball team didn't fair as well, they adjusted to their new coach Joe Potet.

Speed, practice, and determination helped the Girls' Track and Field team as they brought home the Regional crown. The Boy's Track team had stand outs in hurdler Montrell Person and Demetrius Clark. The boys' team had state qualifiers in high jump, long jump, 110 meter hurdles and 300 meter hurdles.

Many sports had outstanding members who brought cheers from the crowd. Number one doubles partners, Moore and Demi Stath were back and they helped lead their team to their best season ever. While the baseball team and the softball team did not go as far in post season play as they had hoped, they still created some Quiet Chaos of their own.

—USA FISHCO

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# Unstoppable Speed

The Boys' Cross Country team advances Don Hennessy, the first member ever to reach the State finals.

**H**aving a positive attitude may be the number one reason why the boy's cross country team was at it's best this year. Or maybe, all those summer drives to the Dunes and Lemon Lake to do hill work really paid off. Whatever the case, the team of 17, who were coached by Greg Pierson, started training for the '98 season in early June. From the start, each individual had high expectations for the team and planned on reaching them. Pierson commented, that this year's team was, "stronger then a year ago," and he felt as though that some individuals such as Robert Wojcik, '99, showed, "quite a bit of improvement."

Pierson's team proved how strong it was by achieving high scores in meets, such as the T.F. South Invitational, where MHS was awarded fourth place. Derek Floyd, 00, remarked, "The meet was a good building experience cause we competed against a team that was ranked fifth in the nation." Merrillville's team had its share of victories and letdowns, especially when it attended the Highland Invitational.

A few of the members were plagued with sickness and injuries, but they pulled through by trying to perform their best. As the season trotted on, the team was faced with a misfortune when it placed sixth at Semi-State, one place shy of qualifying for the State Finals. "Everyone was pretty disappointed seeing how we missed qualifying by a twenty-seven point difference," said captain Don Hennessy, '99, "We had all worked so hard, since late June, and it all came to an end." The team's disappointment was overcome when Hennessy was individually advanced to State, an honor, since it was the first time in Merrillville's history that a cross country team member made it that far. Hennessy said, "The hardest part was knowing that my team did not make it out [of Semi-State], but it will be an experience that I could never forget." Hennessy placed 61 in the state.

Many members agreed that the outlook for next year's team is definitely positive. Some of the strong leaders are predicted to be Derek Floyd, Ray Keilman, Kevin Santelik, and Nick Porzuczek, all '00. "Wojcik '99 credits much of the team's success to Pierson by saying, "He taught us more then any other coach would have, and always pushed us to finish with pride."

By the closing of the season, the boys created many memories and accomplished numerous goals. Pierson summed up his team's accomplishments by saying, "Strong minded runners get the job done; weak minded runners are always looking to next year."

—JENNIFER MOLA

**ABOVE** Individual teams such as Merrillville, Hobart, and Calumet City compete to start off the race on the right foot, at one of their meets.

**OPPOSITE PAGE** Members Ray Keilman and Robert Wojcik give it their all as they push to finish the race. Many coaches use sprints at the end of a distance race.

**OPPOSITE LOWER LEFT** After a race Alonzo Booker congratulates fellow member Rob Hemphill with a handshake, while others look on.

**OPPOSITE MIDDLE LEFT** Don Hennessy trots into the finish line with a sigh of relief. Hennessy was the school's first Cross Country member to advance to the State Finals.

**OPPOSITE MIDDLE RIGHT** Merrillville's Dave Robbins and Rob Prentoski show their sportsmanship by lending a helping hand to a worn out Hobart opponent.

**OPPOSITE LOWER RIGHT** Jogging is not an option for Cross Country members Ray Keilman and Nick Porzuczek as they strain to do their best.

	H	V
<b>GAVIT INVITE</b>	3rd Place	
<b>T.F. SOUTH INVITE</b>	3rd Place	
<b>PORTAGE</b>	38	28
<b>HOBART</b>	18	45
<b>MICHIGAN CITY</b>	15	50
<b>NEW PRAIRIE INVITE</b>	3rd Place	
<b>VALPO</b>	36	22
<b>LAPORTE</b>	29	26
<b>HIGHLAND INVITE</b>	6th Place	
<b>CROWN POINT</b>	19	40
<b>CHESTERON</b>	29	36
<b>HOBART INVITE</b>	3rd Place	
<b>CLARK INVITE</b>	3rd Place	
<b>DAC MEET</b>	4th Place	
<b>SECTIONALS</b>	1st Place	
<b>REGIONALS</b>	2cd Place	
<b>SEMI-STATE</b>	6th Place	

# SPRINTING TO BE THE BEST

The Girl's Cross Country team worked all summer so they could run their hardest.

**OPPOSITE PAGE** Maria Toledo checks her pulse after she finishes the race. Toledo made it to state this season of cross country.

**OPPOSITE TOP** Dana Gombus runs faster to try to finish the race at a good time. She ran as fast as possible to get the honor of most improved this year.

**OPPOSITE MIDDLE TOP** The team gathers together for group prayer prior to running. This is a new tradition they started last year.

**OPPOSITE MIDDLE BOTTOM** Amy Pivovarnik checks her watch to keep track of her time. Runners use watches to know how they need to pace themselves.

**OPPOSITE BOTTOM** Lisa Fastero sprints to try to pace herself in front of the other girls.

**BELOW** Maria Toledo runs faster to keep ahead of the Michigan City girls. She was awarded the MVP award.

	H	V
<b>GRIFFTH</b>	50	15
<b>ANDREAN</b>	50	15
<b>LOWELL</b>	38	21
<b>GAUIT INVITATIONAL</b>	3rd Place	
<b>T.F. SOUTH INVITE</b>	7th Place	
<b>PORTAGE</b>	20	39
<b>RENSSELAER INVITE</b>	4th Place	
<b>HOBART</b>	50	15
<b>MICHIGAN CITY</b>	20	35
<b>LOWELL INVITE</b>	1st Place	
<b>LAPORTE</b>	15	50
<b>VALPO</b>	15	50
<b>CROWN POINT</b>	50	15
<b>CHESTERTON</b>	21	40
<b>DAC MEET</b>	6th Place	
<b>SECTIONALS</b>	1st Place	

The goals for the Girl's Cross Country team have been set very high. The team made Semi-State, and according to Armalita Muro, '01, the team could make it to State next year. The team consisted of 21 runners which was 11 more than last year. This was the largest team yet. According to some of the runners, this was the best year. However, only Maria Toledo, '99, made it to State held in Bloomington. So the rest of the team went with her to cheer her on.

The team depended on one another very much, and it did not matter what grade they were in. Dana Gombus, '99, was called an "Energizer bunny" by one of her teammates because she just kept on running. Leslie Kleminiski, '01, also pointed out that, "We are so close. I can talk to them about anything." Girls Cross Country was not just a team for that season, but they were family for the whole year. This was because the sport required staying in condition year-round.

Team members said Coach Phil Hey was very strong and talented. Some of the runners also said some coaches did not care personally about the athletes; they just wanted to win and nothing else mattered. However, they added strong praise saying Hey was the opposite. The team said he told them "Success is doing your best under the prevailing circumstances."

The team hoped that Coach Hey will return next year because he was very nice, and he encouraged them. The team was very happy about making Semi-State and hoped that they will win state next year. Hey added that making Semi-State "was a great accomplishment." He hopes he will return next year.

Although all team members received awards at the end of the season banquet, the individual awards for Most Improved was presented to Dana Gombus, '99; the Sportsmanship award was presented to April Skura, '00, and the MVP was presented to Maria Toledo, '99. Academic awards were also passed out.

— TOWANDA HAMMONDS









# All the Right Moves

The Pirate Volleyball team had many changes this year, including a whole new team and a new coaching staff.

**ABOVE** Kim Lux and Leslie Newell team up to block their opponent's hit. Spike is a technique for scoring points.

**OPPOSITE PAGE** Striving for perfection, Irene Menchaca digs up the ball. Passing was a strength in the team's defensive strategy.

**OPPOSITE LOWER LEFT** Shannon Wells follows through on her spike onto the opponent's court. Wells was one of the seniors returning from last year.

**OPPOSITE MIDDLE LEFT** With a break in the action, the team celebrates its last kill.

**OPPOSITE MIDDLE RIGHT** Diving for the ball, Betsy Lucas shows intensity on her face as she works hard for a team victory.

**OPPOSITE LOWER RIGHT** Shannon Wells sets the ball up for her teammates next kill. Setting the ball allows another teammate to help get the ball over the net.

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<b>GRIFFITH</b>	10-15, 15-11, 10-15
<b>LOWELL</b>	15-6, 15-1
<b>HEBRON</b>	2-15, 15-7, 15-3
<b>WHITING</b>	15-9, 15-9
<b>LAKE STATION</b>	15-4, 15-3
<b>LAPORTE</b>	11-15, 11-15
<b>LAKE CENTRAL</b>	8-15, 15-4, 10-15
<b>HOBART</b>	15-5, 9-15, 15-3
<b>CALUMET</b>	15-8, 15-2
<b>PORTAGE</b>	15-7, 15-11
<b>ANDREAN</b>	15-4, 10-15, 15-8
<b>CHESTERTON</b>	10-15, 8-15
<b>MORTON</b>	6-15, 15-11, 15-13
<b>CROWN POINT</b>	15-6, 15-13
<b>MERRILLVILLE INVITE</b>	
Mishawaka	7-15, 10-15
Munster	15-9, 14-16, 15-6
Penn	3-15, 10-15
Valparaiso	15-8, 15-13
<b>VALPARAISO</b>	16-14, 15-13
<b>MICHIGAN CITY</b>	4-15, 15-12, 9-15
<b>SECTIONALS</b>	15-8, 15-7
<b>SECTIONALS</b>	
Highland	16-4, 8-15, 15-4
Lake Central	15-10, 15-7
<b>REGIONALS</b>	8-15, 12-15

The Lady Pirates Volleyball team got plenty of recognition this year. Some said they would not be as good because of the loss of some seniors. The Pirates proved them wrong, ending their season 24-11. The Duneland Conference was tough this year, but the Bucs stuck right with them finishing third in the DAC.

This year was a transition year for the Pirates, bringing in new coaches and young players. The varsity was now under the command of Coach Tania Price. Commenting on her first season at MHS, Price said, "I enjoyed it. It was a transition year for me and the players, but I feel they worked hard and learned a lot." Price also said she was looking forward to her next season at Merrillville. "I am looking forward to coming back and having the kids know what to expect from me. The DAC will be tough again next year, but I look forward to another season with my players." Price also commented that she will truly miss her seniors, Betsy Lucas, Kim Lux, Katie Mandich, and Shannon Wells.

The players and coaches had every right to feel good about their 1998 season. Some of this year's highlights included winning the Highland Invitational and the Lafayette Jefferson tournament. Both of these tournaments included state ranked teams. They also had a lot of success during regular season games. "The first time we played Morton we worked hard at to prepare. We lost the first match, but came back to win the next two. We were losing the last match, but pulled together and won," said junior player Julie O'Brien.

This year's Sectional was held at Munster High School. In Sectionals, Merrillville defeated Munster in the first round. They then took on Lake Central, to whom they had suffered a tough loss earlier in the season, and wound up victorious. The championship game was filled with much tension as the Pirates went three games with the Highland Trojans, giving the Merrillville Pirates their sixth consecutive Sectional title.

Unfortunately, the Pirate volleyball team's success came to an end with a defeat to Hammond Morton in two games at Regionals. Although saddened by the loss, the Pirates felt they had a strong season overall. Returning players looked forward to next season.

—JENNIFER WEBSTER



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# Tackling the competition

In their attempt to claim the DAC championship, the Pirates relied on leadership and dedication.

**OPPOSITE PAGE** Senior Eugene Wilson jogs through the endzone after scoring for the Pirates.

**OPPOSITE LOWER LEFT** Junior Ryan Lawrence charges across the field for a Pirate strike down. Strong running contributed to the Pirate offense this year.

**OPPOSITE MIDDLE LEFT** Eugene Wilson dusts his opponent as he breaks away for a touchdown during the Crown Point game. Wilson was a team captain and a two-way starter.

**OPPOSITE MIDDLE RIGHT** The Bulldog defense struggles to keep up with the unstoppable wrath of our Pirate offense.

**OPPOSITE LOWER RIGHT** Antwayn Spencer escapes the Michigan City defense with help from Steve Passoloukos. The Pirates defeated the Wolves in the annual Homecoming game.

**BELOW** With their adrenaline pumping, the Pirate linemen get ready to destroy their rivals, the Crown Point Bulldogs.

	H	V
LAKE CENTRAL	10	6
CROWN POINT	53	13
PORTAGE	36	27
MICHIGAN CITY	33	0
LaPORTE	21	6
VALPARASIO	7	28
HOBART	27	13
CHESTERTON	14	24
EAST CHICAGO	23	8
PORTAGE	14	31

Unpredictable. Respectable. Exciting. From every game, to every player, this described each aspect of the 1998 Merrillville Pirate Football Team.

The Pirates kicked off their season with a hard-fought victory over the Lake Central Indians with a score of 10-6.

Moving on into the season, our Pirate team dominated the Crown Point Bulldogs in their best game of the year. Approaching the field fired up and focused, this group controlled the field on both sides of the ball, as well as special teams. The defense accounted for most of the points, scoring three consecutive touchdowns. Captain Mike Megyesi thought, "We were so focused that no one in the state could have beat us that night."

The Pirates remained undefeated the first half of the season, winning an impressive five games in row. Losses came only to Valpo, Chesterton, and Portage in the Sectionals. The Chesterton loss took an emotional toll on the team since it was the game to make or break Merrillville as the DAC champions.

After an emotionally stressful defeat against Portage in the second round of Sectionals, the season came to an end. Head Coach Jeff Yelton said, "In our Sectional loss to Portage, we showed a lot of heart. We could have folded up our tents and quit when we were down, but we came back to close it too."

Ending the season with an exceptional record of 8-3, the Pirates held their heads high. Yelton believed, "To win eight games with our schedule is an excellent season. We had a tremendous group of seniors who played with their heart, talent, and a never quit attitude."

—GINA BARTOLOMEO





## HALFTIME MOMENTS



Along with the varsity football season, the freshman football team had a season of their own. With a coaching staff of Jeff Clinkenbeard, Brian Hults, and Zac Wells, the season turned out to be very promising.

The freshmen team proved themselves with a 6-2 record. The season started off with a heart-breaking loss to the Lake Central Indians 20-19. A strong Valpo team handed them their second and last loss in the sixth game of the season.

A passing attack and defense were a big focus this year, and also, the best strengths of this team.

According to Hults, the Portage game was the team's best game because, "Portage's team was huge and very tough. Our guys went out and beat a bigger more physical team."

With an abundance of talent, the Varsity team can look forward to having this group of players on the team.



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# Reaching the Goal!

A rebuilding season for the soccer team ended with a spot in the Sectional finals.

After winning the first soccer Sectional game against Boone Grove on penalty kicks, the Pirates lost to Andean 2 to 1 in the final. This was the squad's second consecutive year in the Sectional finals.

The boy's soccer season began with hard work and rigorous training. During the summer, the players ran long-distance, sprinted, and completed drills dribbling soccer balls.

"[The boy's soccer year] could have been compared to a rollercoaster," according to Coach Brian Past. It was a young team that in turn made "youthful mistakes." Those mistakes were successfully turned into more and more wins as the year progressed. The season ended with seven wins, eight losses, and two ties (7-8-2).

"Compared to last year's senior-based older team," said Past, "there were a lot of younger players." Darnell Cole, '01, and Joel Sanchez, '99, were the only returning starters from last year's team. The season was a rebuilding year for the soccer squad. Mike Sopko, '99, spoke on the season, "Overall [the soccer season] went pretty well; we would have liked to [have] done better."

"Even in losses this year, we always hung in there and never quit," said Past. The team really started "to gel" in the last couple weeks of the season.

Many players did improve as the season went on. Tony Semovski, '01; Steve Packovski, '99; Aaron Byczko, '01; and Ben Daniel, '01; were just some of the many who did. Packovski, one of the improved players, spoke on the season, "I think as the season went on, the team starting playing together and improving, and I think that is what improved everyone's play."

The team did not have one major star. All of the players contributed. Sopko was one of the players who played well in the season. As goalie, he stopped seven out of ten penalty kicks throughout the season. Sanchez and Oliver Dorsuleski, '99, also had great seasons as defensive players. Sanchez was vocal as a captain. He played consistently and aggressively when up against the opposition's top player. According to Past, Dorsuleski made the greatest defensive improvement over the course of the season. He became much smarter when marking up on opponents.

The season ended with one idea. "Next year's goal will be to get the sectional crown!" said Past.

—Erica Davis



**ABOVE** Darnell Cole and Florian Tripponey use all their strength as they steal the ball from an unlucky opponent.

**OPPOSITE PAGE** Teammates stay attentive as Mike Sopko the goalie, effectively blocks out an attempted fieldgoal. The teammates can gain control on a blocked ball.

**OPPOSITE LOWER LEFT** Michael Gonzalez looks on anxiously as teammate Joe Mackorowski goes in head first for the ball. Many parts of the body are used to control the soccer ball.

**OPPOSITE MIDDLE LEFT** Tony Semovski and Joel Sanchez make a tremendous effort, while the other teammates come to aid in their endeavor.

**OPPOSITE MIDDLE RIGHT** Michael Gonzalez tries to score a goal while the opposite team's goalie and two opponents come after him. Swerving to score is a good strategy.

**OPPOSITE LOWER RIGHT** Steve Packovski, '99, eagerly waits for fellow soccer team member and French foreign exchange student, Florian Tripponey, '99, to get the ball.

	H	V
<b>WEST LAFAYETTE</b>	2	4
<b>LAPORTE</b>	2	1
<b>WHEELER</b>	2	0
<b>CHESTERTON</b>	0	7
<b>VALPARAISO</b>	1	5
<b>GRIFFITH</b>	1	4
<b>BOONE GROVE</b>	1	1
<b>MICHIGAN CITY</b>	7	1
<b>BENTON CENTRAL</b>	3	0
<b>LAKE CENTRAL</b>	1	6
<b>CROWN POINT</b>	1	1
<b>HOBART</b>	6	5
<b>ANDREAN</b>	2	3
<b>PORTAGE</b>	2	5
<b>MUNSTER</b>	3	2
<b>SECTIONALS</b>		
<b>BOONE GROOVE</b>	3	3
<b>SHOOTOUT (BG)</b>	3	1
<b>ANDREAN</b>	1	2



## Having a ball !

The girl's soccer team had a rough year, but had a lot of fun playing.

August brought many thoughts into people's heads. Fun in the sun and swimming at the beach were a few. However, to the girl's soccer team, August meant the beginning of the season and the start of conditioning. The girls who went out for the team gave up activities and their free time during the last month of summer to start running and getting in shape for the upcoming season. Conditioning usually involved running miles, sprints, and other drills in the hot, burning sun. This was just a start to a long, hard season.

The girls started off their season with a Jamboree, which took place at home. Teams from Andrean, Chesterton, Crown Point, and Valparaiso participated. This warmed up the team and gave practice to the girls before their first game. The start to the season was against Andrean on August 18. The school year had not even started, yet the girls were already into their season. Unfortunately, they lost their first match to Andrean by a score of 6 to 1.

Because of the loss of many starting seniors from last season, this year proved to be a rebuilding year, with many ups and downs. This year's team was led by captains Danielle Moore, '99, Kimberley Roberts and Shenley Roberts, both '00, and Aubrey Fairbairn, '01. The majority of the team was freshmen, but that did not mean they would not help the team in many ways. Ann Stupic, '02, said, "I was scared cause I never expected to make Varsity."

Practices continued from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. everyday after school and on Saturday mornings, unless there was a game. Many injuries to key players was another disruption in the Lady Pirates' season. This added to the trouble of a new team getting familiar with each other. Liz Greco, '00, a key defender, had knee surgery and was out for most of the season until the last few games. Greco was hopeful for next year's team, and she said, "Next year will look pretty good because we will have more experience than the year before." The team had many conflicts within itself and with its coaching staff. Coach Louis DeLa Vega had been coach for the last four previous years, but faced difficulty this year.

For the three seniors; Danielle Moore, Sarah Jones, and Angela Wahlman, this year was not what they expected, but they helped the underclassmen through many changes. It was a bumpy start that did not smooth out along the way. Their season had many ups and downs, with many hard fought games in between.

Despite their 3-15 record, the girls all said they still had a pretty good time and season. The team will have new coaches next year, and they are looking hopefully to the leadership of Lindsey Krumrie, Kimberley and Shenley Roberts, and Liz Greco who will be returning seniors.

—BETSY LUCAS

**OPPOSITE PAGE** Aubrey Fairbairn, '01, dribbles the ball down the field as she tries to score a goal to help her team.

**OPPOSITE TOP** Danielle Moore boots the ball out of her team's area trying to protect the goal.

**OPPOSITE MIDDLE TOP** The goalie makes a jumping save while protecting her goal.

**OPPOSITE MIDDLE LOWER** The team stretches together before the game to get themselves prepared.

**OPPOSITE LOWER** Lindsey Krumrie does some fancy footwork to get the ball in her control.

**LOWER** Ann Stupic helps her team out by defending the goal. Ann is a freshman who started on varsity.

	H	V
ANDREAN	1	6
ELKHART	0	6
LAPORTE	4	5
CHESTERTON	0	6
VALPO	0	1
MORTON	4	1
GRIFFITH	0	1
MICHIGAN CITY	3	0
CULVER	0	4
WEST LAFETTE	1	4
CROWN POINT	0	6
MUNSTER	2	5
BISHOP NOLL	6	2
HOBAT	2	3
SECTIONALS	1	3



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## FORE!

New faces bring new possibilities to the MHS Girls' Golf Team.

**OPPOSITE PAGE** Robyn Johnson, the only senior on the Girls' Golf Team, makes her putt and ends the season with the best scores of the team.

**OPPOSITE LOWER LEFT** Michelle Uremovich stands by to hold the flag, while a teammate goes up to make a putt.

**OPPOSITE MIDDLE LEFT** Rachel Moody, '02, an experienced Freshman golfer, goes up to chip her ball onto the green.

**OPPOSITE MIDDLE RIGHT** Alaina Fasel lines up her ball and goes up to make her putt. The golf season was her third year on the team.

**OPPOSITE LOWER RIGHT** Tracy Albee lines up her ball to make her shot, and swings to make a long drive.

**BELOW** Alaina Fasel, along with her mother and a fellow golfer, from an opposing team walk towards the green.

While others were checking out the new waterpark or heading for the beach, the girl's golf team was heading for practice. The season started on June 25. The team's practice time at Broadmoor Golf Club consisted of chipping and putting about three times a week.

Home games were usually at Broadmoor Golf Course, but also took place at Hinsbrook a few times. Seven of the girls from last year's team returned to play golf again along with six new players. Rachel Moody, '02, was new to the team. Although she was given the opportunity to practice with the girl's golf team the previous season. Robyn Johnson, '99, who averaged 45, led the team with the best record and was the only senior on the team. Coach Jim Polites said that Michelle Uremovich, '00, was the most improved on the team.

Valparaiso proved that they were the most challenging school to play against. The team only lost by six strokes to Valparaiso which was 13 strokes better than the previous year. The team's total record was 10-6. They were 3-4 in the conference and finished ranking sixth.

Though the team didn't make it to State, they did reach their anticipated goal of 10 victories. Polites seemed to think that "last year was better," but the team still lived up to his hopes and expectations. This was expected of such a young team. He remarked, "They would improve if they make the commitment to put school first and golf second."

Unfortunately the season didn't live up to the expectations of golfers Tracy Albee and Alaina Fasel, both '00. "We didn't do all that well this year and didn't make it to State," said Fasel. Though the season didn't go as well as hoped, there was still a sense of accomplishment by the team. "Maybe next year we can do better."

Hopefully their last goal of ten wins will be beaten by setting and accomplishing new goals for next year. Maybe new faces will bring new possibilities for them since they only lose one senior.

—AMY MULLOY

	H	V
BISHOP NOLL	197	234
WHEELER	182	253
LOWELL	203	236
KANKAKEE VALLEY	187	191
RENSSELAER	204	225
VALPO	208	201
MUNSTER	213	246
HOBART	235	200
PORTAGE	193	195
ANDREAN	317	194





## HALFTIME MOMENTS



Even though the Girl's Golf Team didn't make it to State, that didn't ruin their spirit or goals for the future of the team.

Since next year will most likely have most of last year's players returning,

they will be an experienced team.

Most of the players to return next year will be seniors so next year's team will be strong and experienced. They all will know what needs to be done, and they can work together better as a team even though golf is an individual sport.

Practice during the summer will get them ready. Practice makes perfect. With some determination and will, they can take some strokes off their scores and maybe they can advance to State.

"The team as a whole shows a lot of potential," added Coach Jim Polites. Everyone had the determination for being a better team, including being a good sport. Showing good sportmanship with other players was a good way to show you have the real potential.





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# Different Strokes

An inexperienced team dealt with tougher competition by using more teamwork.

Babe Ruth once said, "The way a team plays as a whole determines its success." Although the tennis team was laden with inexperience, teamwork and individual contribution helped it become "a pretty competitive team," according to Coach Dave Zimmerman.

After losing six seniors from the previous year, many former JV members had to adjust to varsity play. Jeremy Rinker, '00, commented that "the competition was a lot harder" with "more experienced players." Rinker played first doubles with Ricky Bobos, '00. The duo had been paired for three years and were called "the cardiac kids" by Zimmerman. "We know the other's moves," replied Bobos, "and where he's going to put the ball." Third singles was played by Joe Francis, '00. He said that the level of play was "a step up" from last year, when he was also a part of the varsity team.

The Pirates ended the season with a record of 7-9 as a result of some tough competition with teams such as Valparaiso and Portage. Valpo, for example, had "a nationally ranked player at #1" and a "doubles team that had been together since they were six years-old," Zimmerman said.

The Pirates also participated in the Noblesville, Highland, and Merrillville Invitationals, where they place second, fifth, and fifth, respectively.

Neil Lux, '99, played first singles and had a great amount of pressure to deal with, "considering he had to absorb a tough position and play the top players," replied Zimmerman, but "he contributed a lot to the team." Other key players for the Pirates included Nick Corea, '00; Erik Price, '01; Zac Cook, '00; Cory Burkus, '00; Chris Nahlik, '02; Ryan Hill, '01; and Evan Hoglund, '00.

One of the Pirates' goals was to win sectionals. Unfortunately, they didn't make it past the first round. This ended a seven-year sectional winning streak by Merrillville.

In spite of a challenging year, the Pirates found time for fun and laughs. As he smiled, Rinker remembered the match with Andrean. "We hit a drop shot that barely went over the net," and one of their opponents "went for it and barrel-rolled into the net." Bobos and Rinker were known for wearing their "retro socks," as Bobos called them. "A lot of other teams are jealous about how good our socks look."

This was a very different season for the Pirates, considering their inexperience and Sectional loss. However, Francis felt the team "came together and united as one. Our coaches mentally inspired us." And, with eight of the nine Varsity players returning next year, Zimmerman was "very optimistic toward a strong upcoming season."

—TIFFANY STOCHER



**ABOVE** Zac Cook demonstrates quick thinking and action as he returns the ball to his opponent. According to Zimmerman, Cook "improved beyond my expectations."

**OPPOSITE PAGE** Joe Francis uses his fatal backhand against the opponent. One of Francis's goals, besides going through the season without injury, was to eat a \$15 steak on the team's annual trip to the Olive Garden.

**OPPOSITE LOWER LEFT** Erik Price leaps toward the fence to retrieve the ball. According to Zimmerman, Price had the "most potential and athleticism" on the team.

**OPPOSITE MIDDLE LEFT** Nick Corea shows his talent with this successful effort to catch the ball. Zimmerman said that Corea "has all the tools for being a quality player."

**OPPOSITE MIDDLE RIGHT** Ricky Bobos tactfully volleys the ball over the net as his partner, Jeremy Rinker, stands ready for action. "Volleys were the best thing about the team," said Rinker.

**OPPOSITE LOWER RIGHT** Neil Lux reaches for the sky - and the ball - in an overhead shot. Lux "contributed a lot to the team" at first Singles.

	H	V
HIGHLAND	3	2
HERITAGE CHRISTIAN	5	0
WESTFIELD	5	0
NOBLESVILLE	0	5
VALPARAISO	0	5
CROWN POINT	2	3
PORTAGE	0	5
ANDREAN	3	2
CHESTERTON	3	2
MICHIGAN CITY	3	2
LAKE CENTRAL	0	5
HOBART	5	0
LAPORTE	0	5
LOWELL	1	4
MUNSTER	1	4
ANDREAN	0	5

## Moving up to the hoop

Stepping up and out with only one game away. The Basketball team made all the way to Semi-State.

**BELOW** Jake Argenta makes a shot at the Hobart game. Jumping is one of the actions that allows the player a better chance to line up his shot.

**OPPOSITE PAGE** Preston Thomas goes up to rebound the ball so that he get the return without Hobart getting the chance to score.

**TOP RIGHT** John Davis tries to find one of his teammates so he can pass the ball while dribbling down the court.

**OPPOSITE UPPER MIDDLE** Paul Navarro sets up a three point shot while the referee looks on.

**OPPOSITE LOWER MIDDLE** Armond Baskin, strives to make a layup despite the opponent trying to steal the ball.

**OPPOSITE BOTTOM RIGHT** Eugene Wilson concentrates on his free throw.

	H	V
HIGHLAND	60	51
MUNSTER	53	45
S.B. RILEY	67	47
BISHOP NOLL	64	47
ANDREAN	59	57
VALPO	67	54
GARY ROOSEVELT	71	38
HOBART	93	44
CHESTERTON	51	46
LAKE CENTRAL	53	59
CROWN POINT	69	63
GAUIT	61	58
LAPORTE	59	64
MICHIGAN CITY	63	51
PORTAGE	60	42
HANOVER CENTRAL	81	34
E.C. CENTRAL	46	51

**W**ho was the best team in the region? The answer was Merrillville Pirates. They were just one game away from State. The Pirates managed to take it all the way to the top with only the State Finals left. Semi-State required playing two games in the same day. Armond Baskin, '00, who was a guard/forward explained the loss, "We were very fatigued, and everyone was exhausted after the first game."

Some of the players also thought that they should have taken their practices a little more seriously. Practices for them were intense. Their practices lasted for about three hours but might get a little shorter throughout the year. Lonnie Randolph, '01, who was point guard compared Coach Jim East with Indiana's Bobby Knight; both men had a history of coaching winners, but expected a lot from their teams.

The team spent the season in the media's eye, with every team they played wanting to be the team to beat the Pirates. A 53-59 loss to Lake Central eventually snapped a nine game winning streak. A 59-64 loss to a tough LaPorte team in a game that many said was for the conference championship was their most difficult game according to some players.

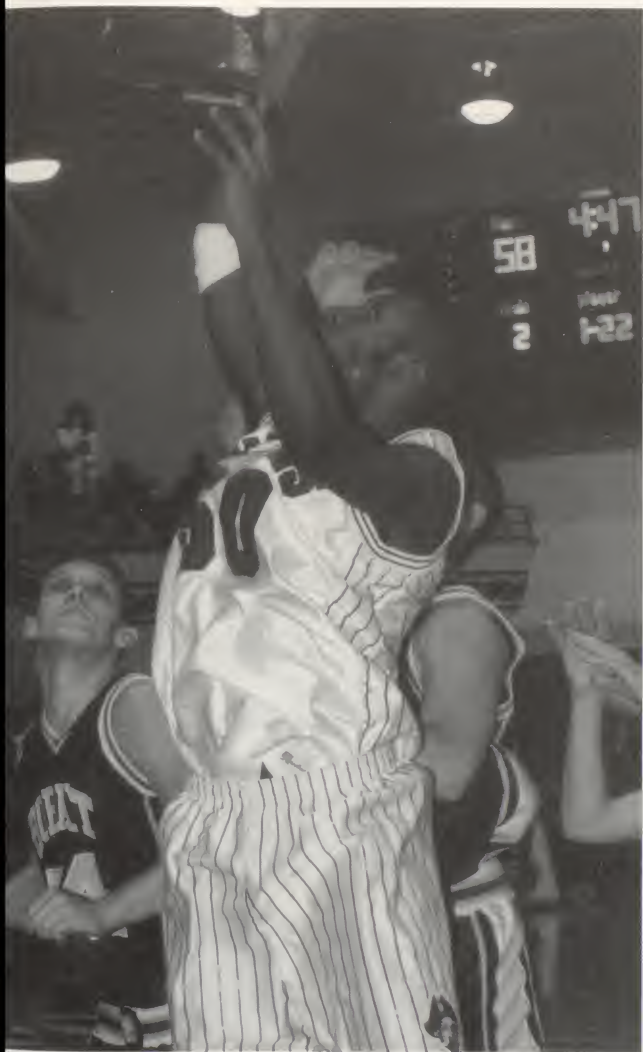
This was the Pirates' first appearance in Lafayette Semi-State since 1993. Although they lost in the Semi-State finals, many teams would have loved to be in the Pirates' position. The team proved a lot of people wrong by making going as far as it did. The team ended the season with a 22-4 record.

Eugene Wilson, '99, lead the team through the whole season and was named MVP. Baskin also brought great energy to the team. "Baskin gave us a great lift off the bench and was our emotional leader," said Jake Argenta, '00.

Four seniors will depart from this team: John Davis, Paul Navarro, Wilson and Preston Thomas. According to Marvin Smith, '00, "The team will lose leadership, poise and scoring, but the rest of the team will step up and take control of that." Next year look for a new leader in Lonnie Randolph, '01. He should be the leader for the next two years. Preston Thomas, '99, said, "Lonnie will be great for the team for the next two years." Next year the remaining players plan to be in better basketball shape and to play harder all year and hope for another chance to play at Semi-State as well as the State finals.

—TOWANDA HAMMONDS







# Takin' it to the Hoop.

Under new coaching, this year's girls basketball team had a learning experience.

**ABOVE LEFT** Vicki Bish and Janice Marler stop the opposing player in her tracks in hopes to get the ball back.

**OPPOSITE LEFT** Shannon Wells uses her skills to dribble the ball between two Crown Point defenders.

**OPPOSITE LOWER LEFT** Keynn Pearson goes up strong and takes a shot against Andrean.

**OPPOSITE LOWER MIDDLE** Edwina Aponte looks for her teammates so she can pass the ball.

**OPPOSITE LOWER MIDDLE** Janice Marler concentrates on the hoop as she takes her shot at the foul line.

**OPPOSITE LOWER RIGHT** Julie Klajich plays some tough defense against Andrean.

	H	V
ROOSEVELT	93	53
E.C. CENTRAL	44	57
GRIFFITH	43	52
LAKE CENTRAL	58	68
MICHIGAN CITY	44	41
ANDREAN	63	50
CHESTERTON	53	57
PORTAGE	70	64
HIGHLAND	49	55
LAKE CENTRAL	47	59
MADISON	64	81
MCCUTCHEON	44	53
HOBART	40	56
MUNSTER	55	62
LEW WALLACE	59	40
VALPARAISO	75	39
CALUMET	78	39
LOWELL	55	45
CROWN POINT	41	59
LaPORTE	58	63
BOONE GROVE	68	32
CROWN POINT	33	34

When the word basketball was mentioned, the first thing to come to mind was probably boys. But what about those girls who also gave their heart and souls for a game they loved? This year Merrillville's girls' basketball had a rebuilding year with a relatively young team and a new coach. Coach Joe Poteet took on the job of the head coach of the girls' basketball team from Coach Randy Stelter. With a rebuilding year, the team had many ups and downs, but despite their final record of 8-17 the girls had a fun season.

To get in shape for the upcoming season, the girls started conditioning in September. They ran outside on the track, and they also used strengthening shoes to help increase their quickness and verticals. In mid-October practice for the season began. They practiced everyday after school and worked on fundamentals to improve their skills. Shooting drills, defensive drills and scrimmaging the JV girl's basketball team were just a few of the things the team did at practice. The Lady Pirates opened their season against Roosevelt. They pounded Roosevelt by a score of 93 to 53.

As the season continued, the team continued to grow and progress. Many games were hard fought battles. Although they may not have won, the girls never gave up. One of the team's goals was to try to be a contender in every game. That they did accomplish by working hard all four quarters whether they were up by 10 or down by 20. Some of the memorable games of the season were played against Andrean where they shocked the 59er's by beating them. Another memorable game was against Portage. Portage was ranked 12th in the state, and the Lady Pirates beat them by playing as a team. Everyone contributed to that win.

The whole season was built up to play Sectionals and try to further their success. The Lady Pirates took on the Crown Point Bulldogs in the first round of Sectionals. Julie Klajich, '99, said that was her favorite game. She said, "We lost by one point, but the leaders of the team came together and were able to direct the underclassmen." Despite the loss, the team felt they played well, and it was a good way to end their season, with a bang.

This year's girl's basketball team had a fun and educational year. Despite their record, everyone felt that they had an enjoyable year. Edwina Aponte, '01, said, "I enjoyed working with the team. I think we tried to accomplish most of the goals we set." Shannon Wells, who was named MVP this year, commented that this year was a learning experience for everyone. Next year's team will have more experience under its belt, and with the leadership Janice Marler and Keynn Pearson the team looks promising.

—BETSY LUCAS



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## Practice Makes Perfect

With practices for many hours, the team sent four people to state.

**LEFT** Lisa Fastero moves into position to execute her next move on the balance beam.

**OPPOSITE LOWER LEFT** Riannon Ramos does her routine on the bars during one of the meets. Ramos was one the few seniors on the team.

**OPPOSITE MIDDLE LEFT** Katie Smith begins to perform her floor routine. Floor routines involve many gymnastic and dance moves.

**OPPOSITE MIDDLE RIGHT** Christie Kamanaroff catches her balance and gets ready to go into the next position of her routine.

**OPPOSITE MIDDLE RIGHT** Kelly Polster raises her hands after finishing her routine.

**BELOW** The team applauds a teammate after her performance on a difficult floor exercise routine.

	H	V
<b>MICHIGAN CITY</b>	104.825	86.875
<b>LOWELL</b>	106.75	85.95
<b>HOBART</b>	102.15	103.95
<b>FT. WAYNE CONCORDIA</b>	4th Place	
<b>LAPORTE</b>	107.65	92.525
<b>PIRATE PRIDE INVITE</b>	2nd Place	
<b>PORTAGE</b>	105.85	101.68
<b>CHESTERTON</b>	103.88	104.6
<b>VALPARAISO</b>	103.9	108.93
<b>CROWN POINT</b>	104.05	94.48
<b>DAC</b>	4th Place	
<b>SECTIONALS</b>	3rd Place	
<b>REGIONALS</b>	3rd Place	

**D**edication to many practices and much time spent together allowed this team to send four members to state and with much support. The season went well for the girls who had only two varsity competitors injured out of the ten team members. Katie Dyer, '01, only was able to compete in one and a half meets because of an injury to her knee in the second meet. The other injured gymnast was Shenley Roberts, '00, who got to compete in the very last meet. Still the team members stepped up and competed well qualifying to compete at Regionals. The team sent four members to State as well.

Coach Diane Roberts called the story of senior co-captain Riannon Ramos her "Cinderella Story." Despite injuries she had always wanted to go to state for the uneven bars, and she got to go and compete in this area. Junior and co-captain Lisa Fastero made it to state for the all-around. Fastero also tied and beat records in the floor exercise, vault and the all-around competition. Coach Roberts said that good captains make an easy job for the coaches.

The other two state competitors were "pleasant surprises" for the coach. Megan Skorupa, '01, competed in the uneven bars at state. She performed well through her season and made the team proud. Also, Melissa Vargas, '02, competed on the balance beam. With the injuries to Dyer and Shenley Roberts, Vargas was allowed to compete and showed her talent.

Gymnastics was only be four events still people did not realize. "There are thousands of minute details that go into a routine," Ramos said, "We worked together to achieve our goals, and we were always there for each other." This allowed Lisa Fastero to do a move never done before in high school gymnastics. It was the record of the first double back in floor exercise.

The team had a lot of success being a close family and struggling through pains and long practices. Christie Kamanaroff, '01, said, "We had a great season. For the first time in five years the MHS gymnastics team made it to Regionals as a team."

According to Kimberley Roberts, '00, "Next year's season is looking very good in terms of Merrillville winning the State title. With a strong team and hard work and dedication this team can do a lot for the history of Merrillville sports."

— LISA FESKO





## HALFTIME MOMENTS



The two met in high school and since then gymnastics has been Diane Roberts's life and her husband Bill's life as well. When her spotter left, Mrs. Roberts "dragged" her husband in and taught him how to

spot. Since then they have been with the sport for many years at Merrillville. Diane has been coaching Merrillville High School teams for 26 years.

Mrs. Roberts has been involved with the sport since she was three. Mr. Roberts has been involved with the girls for 19 years. He has been there many times for the girls and at times he saved their lives. His job is to save and catch the girls when they may misjudge a jump.

Since Mrs. Roberts grew up with the sport, she got her daughters involved. She said, "I enjoyed the team and the opportunity to coach my daughters and their friends."



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# Young team strives to improve

Small team has many personal bests although larger goals proved too tough.

1998-99 was definitely a season with ups and downs. Jeffrey Roth, '01, said, "After losing so many seniors last year, it was really hard adjusting to a whole new team, but we all came together and ended up finishing higher than expected in both Conference and Sectionals."

This year's team was small and very young. According to Coach Bryan Angerman, "Last year we had a nucleus of seniors who had been in the program. This year, the squad was young but equally as hard working."

The boys competed for personal bests against bigger more experienced teams from the area. One of the tougher teams for Merrillville swimming and diving teams to beat was Crown Point. Merrillville was never able to beat Crown Point as long as anyone currently on the team could remember. Another tough team for the boys was Portage. The boys beat them for the first time last year and hoped to make this victory an annual event.

In the end the team settled for wins over Kankakee Valley, Michigan City and Lowell. Angerman explained, "As a young team, we realized we were going to take our lumps. Regardless of the competition, the kids competed and bettered themselves. In all actuality, they established themselves as one of the youngest teams with some of the best upcoming talent in the area."

One way to improve was to practice. The team practiced hard to prepare for its meets. Those who were dedicated practiced eight to nine times with a week. They swam an average of about 40 miles in one week alone.

Glenn Smith, '99, and Nathan Pritchard, '01, were the team's captains. Tim Randolph, '02, and Pritchard led the team. Randolph excelled in the 200 meter Individual Medley, the 100 meter breast stroke, and the freestyle. Pritchard competed mostly in the 200 meter Individual Medley and the 500 meter freestyle. He said, "I had personal bests in every event I swam in by the end of the season."

Swimmer Ken Badylak, '01, swam the 200 meter freestyle and the 500 meter freestyle. He made the Sectional finals in both events. He said, "I broke two minutes at Sectionals." Roth said it was a good season for him personally even though he had to change from distance events to sprints in the middle of the season. He added, "I got personal bests in the 100 back, 100 free, and the 50 free." He improved at the conference meet and Sectionals also.

Although the team ended the season with a 3-10 record, Angerman had a large amount of faith in this team. He believed they could go far if they just put their minds to it.

—MEGAN SHELTON



**ABOVE** Peter Sierra takes a breath and he swims the butterfly.

**LEFT** Nate Pritchard pushes toward the end of the butterfly leg of the 200 meter Individual medley.

**OPPOSITE LOWER LEFT** Diver Terry Judkins tucks tight for his dive.

**OPPOSITE MIDDLE LEFT** Terry Judkins starts to stretch for the water as he straightens up his dive.

**OPPOSITE MIDDLE RIGHT** Nate Pritchard prepares to come off the starting block in the 500 meter freestyle.

**OPPOSITE LOWER RIGHT** Brad Rey tests the water temperature.

	H	V
<b>PORTAGE</b>	65	120
<b>RENSSELAER</b>	92	94
<b>MUNSTER RELAYS</b>	5th Place	
<b>HOBART</b>	67	114
<b>HIGHLAND</b>	64	112
<b>CROWN POINT</b>	70	115
<b>GRIFFITH</b>	85	102
<b>LAKE CENTRAL INVITE</b>	3rd Place	
<b>VALPARAISO</b>	62	123
<b>KANKAKEE VALLEY</b>	93	91
<b>PORTAGE DIVING IN.</b>	4th Place	
<b>MICHIGAN CITY</b>	104	71
<b>LAPORTE</b>	85	100
<b>MUNSTER</b>	60	125
<b>CHESTERTON</b>	56	130
<b>DAC MEET</b>	5th Place	
<b>LOWELL</b>	112	70
<b>SECTIONALS</b>	3rd Place	





# Doing the impossible

Breaking records and defeating Munster, a long-time rival, were just a few of the highlights for the Lady Pirates.

"Gosh dang it! Now I have to get back up on the wall and take down the record." Coach Brian Angerman's words certainly were memorable in the ears of Danielle Molchan, '02, as she broke the 100 back record.

The Girl's Swimming and Diving team accomplished many goals during the season and ended up with a record of 9-5. They were fourth in the Duneland Athletic Conference, third in Sectionals, and seventeenth at State.

Co-captain Tina Shukitis, '99, replied, "This year has been one of the best years, as in winning meets, sending girls to State, and breaking tons of records." According to co-captain Claire Slivka, '00, Munster was the most difficult obstacle to overcome "because we haven't beaten them in as long as I can remember." After pulling together, though, the Pirates defeated Munster for the first time "in 30 some years," replied Shukitis, whose favorite swim is the 500 free.

The 200 medley relay team of Molchan, Slivka, Lisa Ross, '02, and Maryanne Green, '00, also broke the Sectional record and the Pool Record at Sectionals. Jennifer Okichich, '01, also joined these swimmers down State. The 200 medley relay placed twelfth at state, and the 200 free relay of Molchan, Green, Ross, and Okichich placed eleventh. Lisa Ross also achieved eleventh in the 500 yard freestyle and fifteenth place in the 200 individual medley.

Divers Marisa Malave, '00, and Cassandra Pavlovich, '01, also had much success. They both advanced to Regionals, where they placed first and third, respectively. Then, the two accompanied the other Pirates at State competition and placed thirteenth and twelfth there. "Some of the harder dives I do are a reverse one and a half, back one and a half, and one and a half somersaults with one twist," Pavlovich said.

The Pirates had many individual achievers, but teamwork pulled the team through the obstacles. Slivka commented, "We all got along great, despite a few confrontations." Shukitis agreed. "Our team had a few disagreements, like any team, but we pulled together to be a strong team and group of friends," she said.

And, of course, those friendships will be important to get through life, swim meets, and, especially those 5 a.m. practices in ice cold water!

—TIFFANY STOCHEL

**OPPOSITE PAGE** Swimmers plunge into the pool as they begin the 100 yard breaststroke. Claire Slivka, one of the competitors, accomplished her goal of being fourth in the conference in this event.

**OPPOSITE UPPER LEFT** Marisa Malave makes sure she has great form during one of her dives. Malave placed first at the regional conference and thirteenth at state.

**OPPOSITE UPPER MIDDLE** Kelly Buckner and Kelly Bowen warm up during practice. While most students were still in bed, the Pirates were getting used to some chilly water before school started.

**OPPOSITE LOWER MIDDLE** Concentrating on the dive ahead of her, Kelly Carson, stands perfectly poised on the springboard.

**OPPOSITE LOWER LEFT** Lisa Ross takes her turn at some competition with the butterfly stroke. Ross was the only Pirate swimmer to compete as an individual at state.

**BOTTOM LOWER RIGHT** Cassandra Pavlovich makes some waves during her competition in the breaststroke. As a sophomore, Pavlovich is "excited that I have two years left" with the Pirates.

	H	V
<b>LOWELL</b>	107	78
<b>CHESTERTON</b>	51	130
<b>PORTAGE</b>	77	109
<b>RENSSELAER</b>	110	76
<b>HOBBART</b>	105	81
<b>HIGHLAND</b>	92	94
<b>CROWN POINT</b>	62	117
<b>GRIFFITH</b>	105	66
<b>GAUIT</b>	120	61
<b>VALPARAISO</b>	79	109
<b>MICHIGAN CITY</b>	106	79
<b>LAPORTE</b>	111	74
<b>MUNSTER</b>	98	88



# Practice Makes Perfect

Adjustments were made to meet the needs of the team because of a new coach and lack of team experience.

**OPPOSITE PAGE** Eric Navarro attempts to stand up from his base. Wrestlers receive points for escaping from their opponent.

**OPPOSITE LOWER LEFT** Mike Mays, who wrestles 152, works his opponent to try for a pin.

**OPPOSITE LOWER MIDDLE LEFT** The referee watches to see if Ryan Bailey, who wrestles in the 145 weight class, pins his man.

**OPPOSITE LOWER MIDDLE RIGHT** Lawrence Obregon tries to get off his back so that he won't get pinned.

**OPPOSITE LOWER RIGHT** Nick Graves, who wrestles at 171, puts a head lock on his opponent.

**OPPOSITE RIGHT** Alex Minn, 125, struggles to avoid getting pinned.

**BELOW** Jeff Talbot, 112, tries to get his hold on his opponent before the Crown Point wrestler can escape.

	H	V
LAKE CENTRAL	12	39
VALPO	6	54
PORTAGE	15	54
CROWN POINT	30	38
CHESTERTON	33	31
LAPORTE	52	24
HAMMOND	62	12
CALUMET	30	41
MICHIGAN CITY	51	21
HOBART	72	3
RENNSELAER	26	37
DAC	7th Place	
SECTIONALS	2cd Place	

After their first season with new coach, Randy Qualitz, the Pirate wrestlers saw that there was room for improvement when they were third in the Dual Meet State Championships. The team ended the season with a 4-7 record.

Team members agreed that Portage and Hobart were the most difficult teams to wrestle this year. "Hobart's whole team is good," commented Eric Navarro, '00. Qualitz said, "The DAC is probably the toughest conference in the state." Many good wrestlers graduated from MHS mid-term which also hurt the team's standings.

Most agree that they could improve on an individual level by practicing harder during the year and in the off-season plus rethinking their technique. Nick Graves, '01, said he could improve his style and way of thinking when on the mat to improve overall.

"The Pirates can improve as a team if they work together to increase intensity during practices," said Eric Stewart, '99. Mike Mays, '01, believes that they would improve if they stopped cutting so much weight. By losing a lot of weight, they made themselves weaker and weren't always strong enough to wrestle to their ability.

Not all individual goals were achieved. Some matches that were expected to be won weren't. Some people like Tony Allison, '02, had hoped to wrestle Varsity, but didn't get the chance. Unfortunately, no one qualified for the state tournament. They all said they didn't work hard enough and wrestle to their best ability.

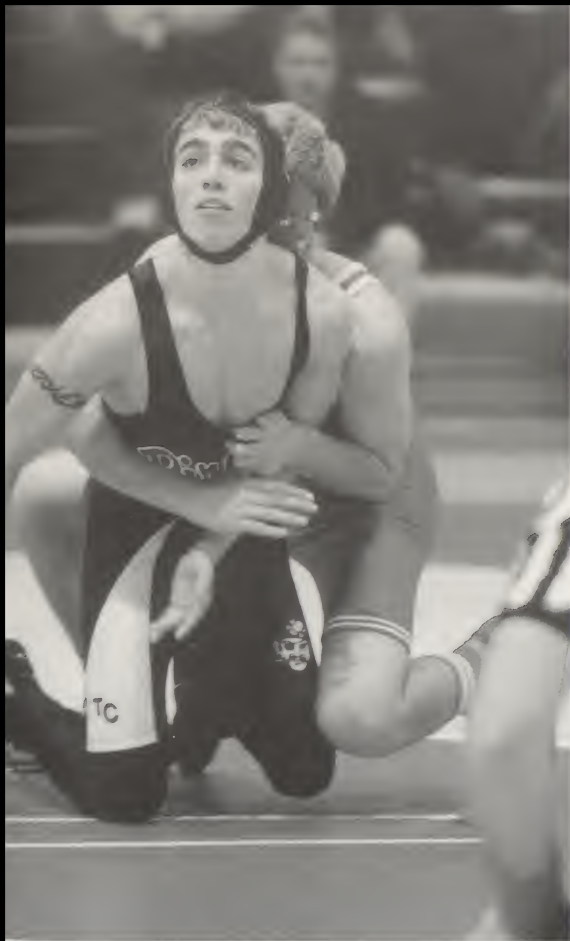
Some goals were accomplished like Ryan Bailey, '99, who had hoped to place high in the Martinsville Tournament. Josh Everett, '02, said "One of my goals was to make the JV team and to make weight for every match." He fortunately did achieve his goals.

Through the season there were embarrassing moments such as some seniors getting pinned by sophomores. Just the fact that wrestlers lost certain matches was embarrassing. Nick Graves, '01, got lifted in the air and got taken down by Valparaiso's 171 pounder Evans which to him was embarrassing.

There were memorable moments through the season though. Ryan Bailey, '99, pinned a number one ranked wrestler. A very memorable time for many was going to the Martinsville Tournament.

—AMY MULLOY





## HALFTIME MOMENTS



According to new wrestling coach, Randy Qualitza, none of the goals the team set were accomplished. "With only two seniors, our inexperience showed," Qualitza commented.

They did improve their technique in spite of that though.

In the eyes of Qualitza, Chris Loehmer, '01, was the hardest worker and made the biggest difference. Nobody else was willing to lead the team. Loehmer upset Jason Cook (Valparaiso), in the semi-finals of the Conference Meet 5-3. Cook was runner-up in the state.

Qualitza prepped his team by making sure they were physically ready. He also tried to convince them that they had as much ability as the teams they wrestled. He believed, "You are only as good as you think you are."

His outlook for the next season was that the team could be good. He said that the spring, their post-season, was not taken advantage of by everyone. Some of the Pirate Wrestlers hadn't worked on the mat since Sectionals.

Qualitza believed the team could improve by doing its homework in preparation for next season. This would include weight training, wrestling camp, freestyle competition, and participating in other sports.

He planned on improving them for next season by preparing them physically and mentally in the off season. "Attitude is the key for the future of Pirate Wrestling. For next year, a stronger work ethic by all is a must if Pirate Wrestling is to challenge anyone on their schedule."



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# Season falls short of goal

Lack of pitching and poor defense took their toll as the baseball team dropped to a 12-16 season.

The 1999 Merrillville baseball season looked promising. There were many improvements made not only by the team as a whole, but also by individual players. They got off to a 6-3 start with a 3-2 in the Duneland Conference.

Key players were Dave Everett, '99, holding the pitcher and outfielder positions; Jonathon Kwiatkoski, '99, playing pitcher and first base; Ryan Fasel, '99, playing pitcher and outfielder; and Chuck Smoljan, '99, playing outfield. Other seniors leading the team were David Huber, Nick Yack, Dan Schiefer, and Kirk Petyo.

The team was not led by captains, like in other sports, but by the seniors as a whole. Assistant coach Mike Krutz commented, "The seniors are doing a nice job of leading the team."

The team wanted to make "a legitimate run at conference and keep playing well into June," explained Kwiatkoski. The team hoped to improve as the season progressed so that they would be ready for the tournament in early June.

While the baseball team did not exactly have rivals, it played some very difficult competition. Crown Point and Hobart were tough teams to play against this year. Both teams played Merrillville in Sectionals and in Conference. For years, Laporte gave the MHS baseball team a hard time, and Portage had also been a tough team ever since the players were in Little League.

The key as the season wore on proved to be the lack of pitching and poor defense. Steve Gill's back injury also weakened the infield. Although batting was sometimes inconsistent, Sam Nuzzo and Jeff O'Keefe, both '00, batted .358 and .357 respectively.

In spite of their early season optimism, the team ended the season with a 12-16 record falling early in tournament play.

Thinking about next year's team, Kwiatkoski commented, "The team can improve fundamentally, and their bats can become more consistent. If that happens, we could be a real force in the Duneland Conference."

—MEGAN SHELTON

**LEFT** A base runner dives for the bag as the opposing pitcher tries to keep him from stealing.

**OPPOSITE LOWER LEFT** The baseball team gathers around the dugout to chat before the game starts.

**OPPOSITE LOWER MIDDLE** The umpire signals that it's a ball as the catcher prepares to throw the ball back to the pitcher.

**OPPOSITE LOWER MIDDLE** The baserunner rounds first as the outfielders wait to see where the ball is going to drop.

**OPPOSITE LOWER RIGHT** The pitcher throws a couple of balls to warm up before the game begins.

**ABOVE** The baserunner tags up before the catcher can throw him out.

## Tough competition takes toll

Ineligible player costs team seven games as the team experienced a rare down year.

**OPPOSITE LEFT** As the crowd watches, catcher Natalie Martin waits for a strikeout. The junior set the school single season hit record with 45.

**FAR TOP** MHS players show their team unity before a game. This eases the tension in the players and builds confidence as a team.

**FAR MIDDLE TOP** Carole Holtz fields the ball and gets ready to throw the ball to her teammates.

**FAR BOTTOM MIDDLE** Julie Hoover waits with alertness as she gets ready to move on to the next base.

**FAR BOTTOM** Pitcher Randi Guernsey attempts to strike out the batter. She had 17 strikeouts in the Chesterton game.

**BELOW** Enn Wolf hits the ball in hopes of another homerun for the Pirates.

Facing an opening schedule that was extremely tough with the loss of All-State pitcher Leslie Malerich to graduation, the fortunes of the softball team looked pretty grim.

The team started off against Class 3A second-rated Penn. "When we opened against Penn, we were amazed we were playing so well," said catcher Natalie Martin, '00. "We were winning 3-0 early in the game, but made too many errors and they beat us." After falling to Penn, the team faced the defending Class AA Illinois state champion, Thornwood 5-4. Martin hit a three-run homer in the losing effort.

There was much improvement among the girls compared to last season. Coach Bob Bergeson said second baseman, Jen Webster, '99, had "improved immensely from last year." Other key players on the team were pitcher Randi Guernsey, '00, and Martin. Guernsey had 17 strikeouts in the Chesterton game. She explained, "I knew from the beginning we'd be a good team, but it might take a little time." She added, "I wouldn't have expected this many strikeouts, but the more I'm pitching the more confidence I'm getting."

The attitude with the team was great according to Bergeson. "We are playing hard and feel we can win every game we play," stated Bergeson. Martin agreed, "The one thing we're stressing this year is togetherness. We eat, breathe, sleep as a team."

One area of the game the team needed to work on was defense, but the girls did improve in that aspect. Jen Webster said, "We just need to work on staying focused and not make stupid defensive errors." Bergeson wanted to see a repeat performance of great defense like the girls showed last year. The girls' biggest rivals are conference rivals, Crown Point, Portage, and Hobart. Guernsey said, "Our tough game will be Portage. But I think we'll give them a good fight." Jamie Bainbridge, '00, disagreed, "I would say Crown Point because of their reputation and intimidation to overcome."

In the end, the 11-21 record the team compiled did not really represent the season because the team had to forfeit seven games because of an ineligible athlete. Nevertheless, it left underclassmen looking to next year.

—STACEY JOY TROCK







# Small team wins BIG

In spite of a small turn out, the team won the Sectional title then qualifying three for the State Meet.

**ABOVE** Jason Shelton opens up his stride in the 3200. He missed being the Sectional champion in the event by a few seconds.

**RIGHT** Montrell Person demonstrates the hurdling form that took him to the State Meet. He was undefeated in hurdle events in regular competition this season.

**OPPOSITE LOWER LEFT** Sprinters take off at the gun as team mates holding the blocks sit and watch. Getting a good jump at the start is extremely important to sprinters.

**OPPOSITE LOWER MIDDLE** Demetrius Clark takes off in attempt for his personal best. Clark qualified for the State Meet in the long jump.

**OPPOSITE LOWER MIDDLE** Pole valuter Andy Tancos clears the bar. In spite of an ankle injury in the early season, he advanced to Regionals.

**OPPOSITE LOWER RIGHT** Relay team members complete a hand off. The 4 x 100 relay team of David Neville, Troy Sutton, Montrell Person, and Demetrius Clark qualified for Regionals. The 4 x 800 relay team of Hector Mendez, Alonzo Booker, Troy Sutton, and Don Hennessey took third at Sectionals.

**O**n your mark, get set, go! This year's team was a lot smaller compared to previous years, but that did not mean they were weak and did accomplish their goals. "If we all are in the right mind set we are a dangerous team," explained Troy Sutton, '99.

The teams' only weakness was the plague of injuries that took over the team. Distance runner Donald Hennessy, had a hurt ankle throughout most of the indoor season. Merrillville's only pole vaulter, Andy Tancos, also was injured after hurting his ankle in practice.

The teams' strength was that each member has their heart into their events. They wanted to win. Depth also helped the team because a lot of sophomores and juniors stepped up and filled the gaps caused by the injuries.

The team's highlight of the season was the win at the Highland Relays. Montrell Person broke several records at the Highland Relays also.

The team prepared for their meets by practicing everyday, except for Sundays, for about two to two and a half hours. The team worked together to obtain their goals and got along without any major problems. Sutton remarked, "We will step up a lot because we don't fold under pressure." "We will do alright in DAC and regionals, and we will win Sectionals," added Hector Mendez.

The boys team took home another Sectional Champions trophy from the Lowell meet. Several first places were won. Other members gained points for the team by coming in at least fourth place.

Team member, Alonzo Booker, came in fourth place in the two mile. The officials, however, daimed he took fifth. After talking with officials, coaches were able to gain Booker's fourth place back, advancing him to Regionals.

The 4 x 800 with Hector Mendez, '00, Alonzo Booker, Troy Sutton, and Don Hennessy, all '99, took third place. Both athletes in the 1600 meter run made it to Regionals with Hennessy taking first and Booker coming in 4th. Jason Shelton, '01, came in only a few seconds after the Sectional champ in the 3200 meter run. In the 10 High Hurdles Montrell Person, '00, took first. Person and Sutton advanced in the 300 low hurdles. Demetrius Clark, '00, went to Regionals in the long jump and Ben Daniels, '01, in the high jump. MHS only pole valuter, Andy Tancos, '00, made it out also. David Neville, '02, Sutton, Person, and Clark are going to regionals in the 4x100.

After the Duneland Athletic Conference the Pirates won by three points in the 1999 Sectional and were crowned Sectional Champs. Coach Johnston said, "The best thing about sectionals was that we were picked second and kids all came through to win it." All events were very different. Three boys' went to state in four separate competitions. Those events included the high jump, long jump, 110 meter high hurdles, and 300 meter hurdles. Montrell Person had been undefeated this season in the hurdle events. Everyone on team, however, set personal records by the end of the year.

—MEGAN SHELTON

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## Can't Stop Beatin' Em

The Girls' Track and Field team took titles at sectionals and regionals, leaving their opponents in the dust.

**OPPOSITE LOWER LEFT** Angela Austin, '00, reaches behind her to take the baton from fellow team member Kortina Gates, '01, who went to state with the 4 by 100 relay team.

**OPPOSITE LOWER MIDDLE LEFT** Jessica Gray, '00, skillfully arches her back into position in the middle of her high jump.

**OPPOSITE LOWER MIDDLE RIGHT** April Skura pushes her legs to the limit as she competes in the 800 m run. Skura placed third at sectionals and eighth at regionals.

**OPPOSITE LOWER RIGHT** Katie Dyer, '00, takes a flying leap over one of the hurdles during her competition. Dyer also went to state and placed in this event.

**BELOW** Renee Ramos, '01, soars like an eagle through the air for her long jump.

**CENTER** Krystle Jones grasps the baton tightly as she prepares to run in the 4 by 100 relay.

The air is still, and all stand silently awaiting the scores. The Pirates huddle together, both nervous and excited about what will happen next. "We were listening to the team scores, and when they announced second place and it wasn't us, we all were screaming because that meant we won," exclaimed April Skura, '00.

The team record was 7-0, and they had some extraordinary accomplishments in addition. "I'm very much satisfied with our overall performance because we won the sectional title and regional title," said Krystle Jones, '01.

Jones placed second in the 100m at sectionals but is most noted for her contribution to the 4 by 100 relay, which went to the state competition. The other relay team members were Jackie Van Dusseldorp, '00, Katie Dyer, '01, and Kortina Gates, '01.

Many of the team members thought that Michigan City was the biggest challenge of the season. "They had a really big team with a lot of competition on their team," replied Gates. However, Michigan City didn't phase the Pirates, who rose to the challenge and were victorious.

Dyer, who was also the regional champ in the 300 hurdles, said that the team "really pulled together and worked hard at meets and practices." Lindsey Krumrie, '00, also commented on the teamwork. "Unlike last year, we were really united this year. We have somehow pulled together to earn the name 'team.'"

Maria Toledo, '99, won the mile and the 3200 at sectionals. This was one of her special moments. Another was when "the team won the sectional and regional titles, which was the first time in our school's history to do that!" Krumrie said, "That, so far, has been the most important night of, I think, all of our track careers, especially for Maria."

Although the team had an outstanding season, they found that their hard work on the team took a toll on their personal time. "It affected my personal time a lot because after practice, I would be so tired and then [have to] do homework," commented Jones. Gates agreed by adding, "On Fridays, when I wanted to go out with friends, I couldn't because I had track practice that morning." However, Skura replied, "Well, if you're dedicated, then you make time for it."

It's that attitude that helped the team to focus and obtain some great success. And it's that attitude that will help them to do the same next year.

—Tiffany Stochel





## RUN FOR **YOUR LIFE!**



Winning the sectional and regional titles was a major accomplishment for the Girls' Track and Field team. Another big achievement was the arrival of the Pirates at the state competition in Indianapolis.

Those team members that participated were Maria Toledo, Krystle Jones, Kortina Gates, Jackie Van Dusseldorp, Katie Dyer, and Jessica Gray.

For some, it was a once in a lifetime opportunity, and for others it was a second or third chance at placing at the state level. However, it was a thrilling and heart-wrenching experience for all.

The Pirates had an undefeated regular season this year, and the chance to go to state only added to the excitement. Continuing their winning streak, the team members handed in an outstanding performance in Indianapolis.

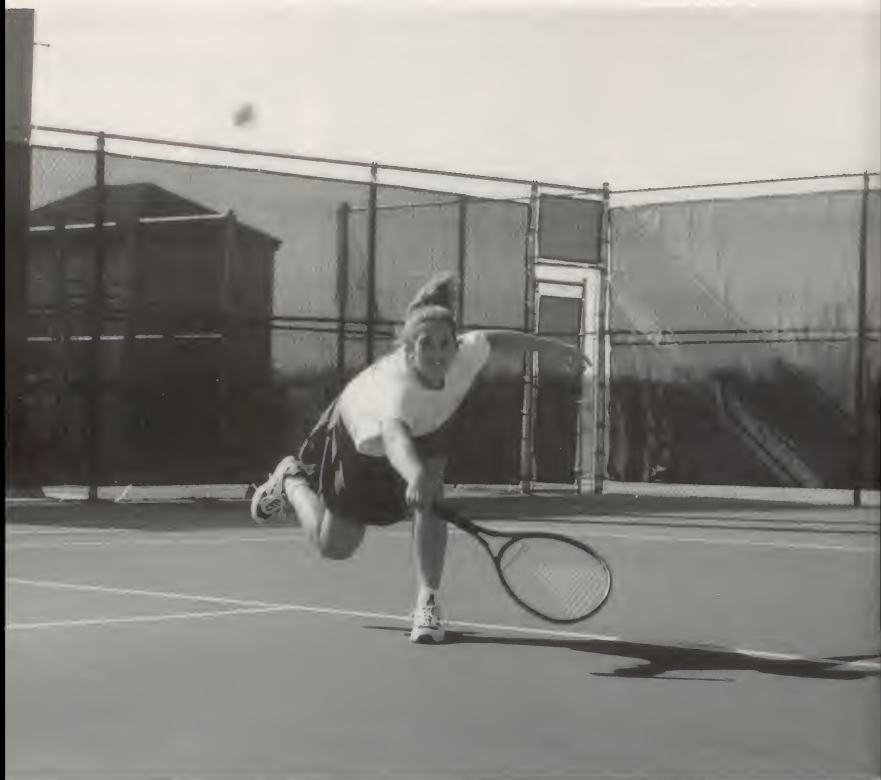
The 4 by 100 relay placed twelfth, and Maria Toledo placed tenth in the mile, missing a medal at ninth place by an extremely close margin. Katie Dyer, who went to state for the second time in two years, placed eighth in the 100 hurdles and fifth in the 300 hurdles. As a reward, she brought two medals home with her.

All the Pirates contributed to their team's success. Toledo said, "We all worked hard at practices to push each other to run faster." She also summed up her experiences by commenting that "This has been the most dedicated team I've seen in my four years here."



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# Just one match short of Indy

The girl's tennis team defeated Northridge to qualify for the second round of Semi-State.

The girls' tennis team did what no other girl's tennis team in the history of the school had ever done. By defeating a strong Northridge team by the score of 3-2 in the first round of Semi-State, they missed qualifying for State by one match.

Amanda Valse, 00, beat the undefeated Northridge number one singles player. Number one doubles players Deme Stath and Danielle Moore, both '99, continued to trounce their opponents. While the doubles team of Kim Lux, 99, and Janice Marler, 00, won a thrilling three set tie-breaker.

The victory put Merrillville into the Semi-State finals which they lost to Penn 3-2. Nevertheless, wins by Blythe Bertolo and the doubles team of Stath and Moore provided a bright spot for the Pirates.

In order to qualify for the Semi-State, the Lady Pirates defeated DAC champions, Michigan City 3-2 in the first round of Regionals. Michigan City had a perfect 16-0 record before the Pirates upset them. Valse, Stath and Moore, and Lux and Marler won the first three points of the match to ensure the victory. The Pirates then defeated Valparaiso in the Regional finals.

Coach Dave Zimmerman had high expectations for his girls this season. Even so, the team faced some tough competition. Zimmerman said, "LaPorte, last year's semi-state contender, returns most of their players plus an exchange student from Brazil that has been playing for twelve years. Valpo returns all its starters from singles and some doubles players, but also received a move-in from Penn that bolstered an already tough team." Michigan City also had three excellent singles players and was a force to contend with eventually winning the DAC championship before falling to the Pirates. Carmel was ranked third in the state and was very tough in our doubles tournament. Penn, Muncie Burris, Vincennes Lincoln and Frankfort were all ranked teams that we went up against at the Frankfort Tournament and posed the biggest threat the week prior to sectionals."

Zimmerman said, "We were better than last year's team because we had nearly everyone back with another year of experience behind them. Some players, such as our number one singles player, Amanda Valse, '01, worked incredibly hard in the off-season to get ready for this season. Each player appeared to be more mentally focused as well as physically prepared for this season. We wanted to take care of unfinished business and move on to Regionals and Semi-state."

To finish the season, Stath and Moore took their 27-1 record to the Indiana State Finals. They also were nominated to the first ever North-South Tennis Cup game. They were the number one doubles team for the North.

— STACEY JOY TROCK

**ABOVE** The number two doubles team of Kim Lux and Janice Marler wait for the ball to be returned.

**LEFT** Amanda Valse runs down a serve. She has played number one singles since her freshman year.

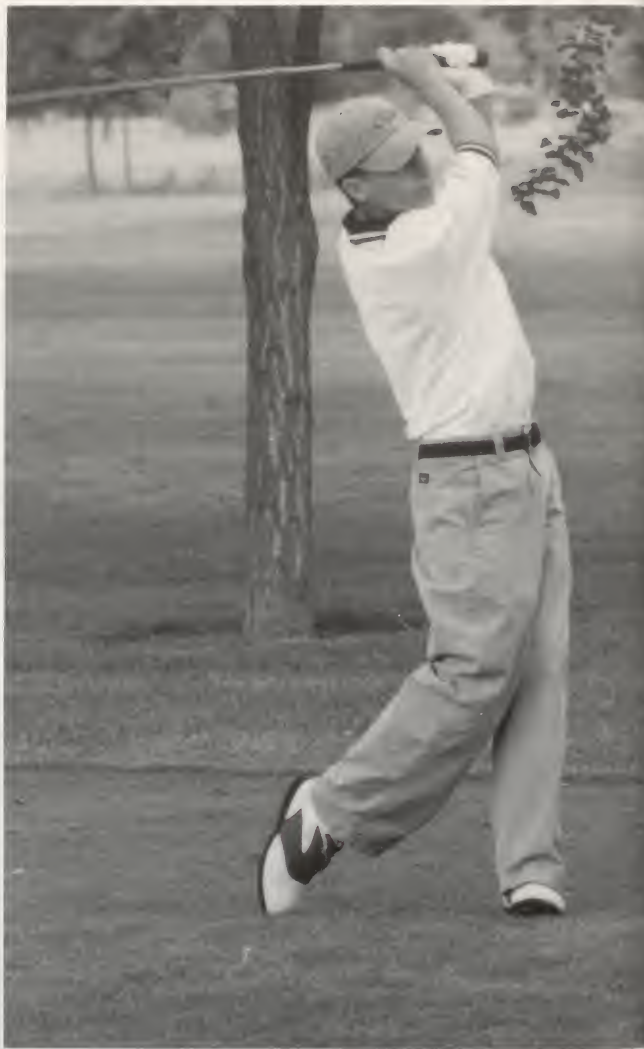
**OPPOSITE LOWER LEFT** Deme Stath watches for a lob to come into her range. She and her doubles partner Danielle Moore were nearly unbeatable.

**OPPOSITE LOWER MIDDLE** Blythe Bertolo returns a volley. She had the number three singles spot sewed up this year.

**OPPOSITE LOWER MIDDLE RIGHT** Kim Lux concentrates on returning a serve. She played doubles with her partner Janice Marler.

**OPPOSITE LOWER RIGHT** Doubles partners Deme Stath and Danielle Moore wait for their opponents to serve.

	H	V
<b>LOWELL</b>	5	0
<b>GRIFFITH</b>	5	0
<b>LAPORTE</b>	2	3
<b>VALPARAISO</b>	3	2
<b>MHS DOUBLES INVIT</b>	2nd Place	
<b>LAKE CENTRAL</b>	5	0
<b>PORTAGE</b>	5	0
<b>CHESTERTON</b>	5	0
<b>LAFAYETTE JEFF</b>	5	0
<b>MARION</b>	3	2
<b>MUNCIE BURRIS</b>	2	3
<b>HIGHLAND</b>	5	0
<b>HOBART</b>	5	0
<b>FRANKFORT</b>	4th Place	
<b>MICHIGAN CITY</b>	2	3
<b>CROWN POINT</b>	5	0
<b>ANDREAN</b> (Sectionals)	5	0
<b>HOBART</b> (Sectionals)	5	0
<b>MICHIGAN CITY</b> (Reg.)	3	2
<b>VALPARAISO</b> (Regionals)	4	1
<b>NORTHBRIDGE</b> (Semi-State)	3	2
<b>PENN</b> (Semi-State)	2	3





## Swinging into Regionals

Team has fun while it improved on last year's record.

If you asked season MVP Ken Badylak about the golf season, he'd smile and say it was a lot of fun. He got free golf for a few months, but then he'd get serious. He said, "We had one more win than last year and qualified for Regionals."

The team was very proud to qualify for Regionals, since an MHS boy's golf team hadn't done so since in the early 90's. In 1998, the team had fallen in Sectionals. This year's team not only went farther in the tournament, but they improved on their record for the season too.

Although the season was fun for the team, that didn't mean they didn't work at their game. Second year coach Joe Starkey "always has some kind of competitive games for us to play," said Badylak. "We also worked a lot on our short game and our consistency," he continued. The team had a positive experience this year, and that made even the work enjoyable.

After each match, Starkey discussed the player's individual performance with him and had suggestions or drills for ways to improve. He believed in a hands-on style of coaching which the team responded to well. Badylak admitted, "I think there is always room for improvement. I played well but not as good as I am capable of."

It was safe to say that the team had bonded with their coach. Badylak and others expressed their admiration for Starkey, especially over his composure when he lost his father during the season.

The toughest team the boys encountered this year was Laporte. They played them at Beachwood. Badylak said, "They were unstoppable. They shot their lowest score in ten years." Our team was absolutely amazed by their competitor's performance.

The team looks forward to next year when several underclassmen will be returning to the team. They hope to improve on this year's achievements and make it out of Regionals. With their positive outlook on the sport, they see this as a realistic goal.

**OPPOSITE UPPER LEFT** A golfer chips out of a sand trap, one of the necessary evils of the game.

**OPPOSITE MIDDLE LEFT** A golfer tries to make it to the green in two strokes to maintain his par.

**OPPOSITE LOWER MIDDLE** A golfer watches to see if his putt is going to drop in. The team concentrated on working on their short game this season.

**OPPOSITE LOWER LEFT** Ken Badylak pulls the flag to allow his competitor to putt.

**OPPOSITE** Keeping his eye on the ball, a golfer hopes to go straight down the fairway to the green.

**BELOW** A golfer lines up his putt in an attempt to par the hole.



# NEWS

## Kosovo

NATO ADMITS BOMBING KOSOVO TO THE  
DISMAY OF LOCAL SERBS.

At first NATO extended its deadline for airstrikes against Yugoslavia because President Slobodan Milosevic agreed to comply with international demands to send 2,000 foreign monitors into the war torn Kosovo province.

Nevertheless, the alliance wanted to keep about 400 war planes ready because they didn't really believe that Milosevic would stick to the deal.

More than a thousand people were killed and hundreds of thousands of others made homeless since Milosevic began his crackdown on Kosovo. Kosovo was 90 percent ethnic Albanian and most residents wanted independence.

At the same time, the rebel ethnic

Albanian Kosovo Liberation Army killed more than 200 Serb policemen, Serb civilians and ethnic Albanians loyal to Milosevic's government.

Americans and Europeans opposed the militants' demand for independence for fear it would lead to further unrest in the area.

Then the end of March, the U.S. admitted bombing Kosovo. Officials said that NATO's air assault on Yugoslavia was pressing ahead with an intensified targeting of Serb troop concentrations in Kosovo.

President Clinton said the NATO campaign was focused on "an expanded range of targets, including Serbian forces on the ground in Kosovo."



He said the alliance was behind the strategy of diminishing Milosevic's military capacity until he agreed to peace in Kosovo.

Vice Admiral Scott Fry, director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said NATO had no illusions that its airstrikes would stop the Serbs' house-to-house pillaging of

ethnic Albanians in Kosovo.

In the Northwest Indiana and in Chicago, Serbians protested the bombing of Kosovo. Some Serbian churches held services for American Serbs, many of whom still had extended family living in Yugoslavia. Others spoke out to the news media or wrote letters to the editor.

## BILL VS. MONICA

THIS YEAR WAS THE HOST OF THE BIGGEST PRESIDENTIAL SCANDAL EVER

Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky were the two most notorious people in the news this year. Bill Clinton was known to be a womanizer even before the Presidential campaign.

As early as his election, the media

made his love life one of the most controversial situations in the country. However, this year Clinton finally was forced to admit to special counsel Kenneth Starr that he had an affair.

This news got the whole world talking about his affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

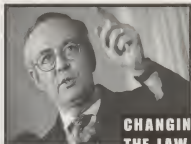
First, Linda Tripp supposedly convinced Lewinsky to go public with the situation. Lewinsky said that she was in love with Clinton.

Not only was the nation shocked, the whole world was interested in the infidelities of the President.



Once the Starr report was published, the whole nation discovered what really happened. From the infamous cigar incident to the well-known blue dress, the whole world knew what actually happened between the two.

Eventually, the case went to the Supreme Court, and Clinton was charged with lying under oath. Although the Supreme Court did impeach him, he was not forced to leave office before the end of his term. The world knew about his infidelities, yet he still carried on as our President after all that happened to him.



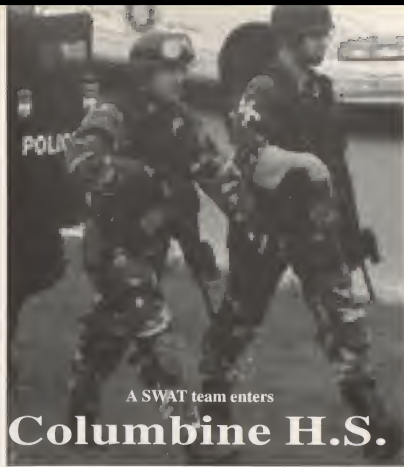
CHANGING  
THE LAW

On the heels of the Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky affair, law makers looked at whether to change the law governing independent counsel.

The statute actually had few friends. Most Democrats didn't believe that prosecutors should not have gone after Clinton over his Monica Lewinsky lies. They oppose the law's renewal in its current form.

Republicans also disliked the law because they believed it led to political fishing expeditions.





## A SWAT team enters Columbine H.S.

A TRAGEDY IN LITTLETON, COLORADO DREW THE ATTENTION OF THE NATION.

The nation gasped in horror at the news that two armed students had entered Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado on April 20 and gone on a deadly rampage.

mon to a group calling itself the Trenchcoat Mafia, Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris killed 12 students and one teacher and wounded 23 others before killing themselves.

Dressed in the trenchcoats com-

Working around bodies still lying

where they fell, bomb squads checked the school for booby traps and investigators recorded the details of the crime scene which SWAT members said looked like something from "Dante's Inferno."

A sheriff's spokesman said that 30 explosive devices were found at Columbine, in the killers' cars, and at their homes.

Parents waited for 24 hours after the attack to receive official word of their children's fate.

The events at Littleton brought the issues of teen violence and school safety to the forefront of the American consciousness. School districts across the country created emergency plans to try to guarantee school safety.

Investigation into the attack revealed the parents and school officials should have been aware that something like the massacre could happen. The two boys belonged to a group which hated minorities and athletes and openly admired Hitler. They even had a web site which talked about guns and war.

**A NATION HORRIFIED**

Once again the Calumet Region got a major snow storm to cope with. While neighboring school systems like Crown Point called off school for the day, Merrillville Community School Corporation called a two hour delay using banked time.

**LET IT SNOW**

The decision proved to be a sound one since most students and staff were able to make their way to school within the two hour time limit.

In spite of the grumbling on the day of the snow storm by students who wanted the day off of school, the student body was smiling what the day did not have to be made up in June.



## MILLENNIUM MADNESS THE CLOCK TOWER IN WEST VIRGINIA THAT WAS BUILT IN 1872 COUNTS DOWN TO THE NEW MILLENNIUM AS ANALYSTS WATCH.

It might turn out to be nothing, two zeroes to be exact. The two zeroes that will represent the year in the year 2000 have thrown a scare into computer analysts.

With the millennium fast approaching, many computers were not ready to display dates after the year 1999. Analysts feared that these same computers might quit working when January 1, 2000 arrives.

These same computers run our power grid, keep track of our money, guide our transportation system, sit on our desktops, and control the clocks in our microwaves and other appliances.

Americans are being urged to prepare for the worst and hope for the best.

Web sites from computer manufacturers and software companies crowd the Internet telling people what to do to get ready. Other web sites explain what the government, bankers, or utility companies have done to prepare. Web sites also talk about what effect Y2K will have on Russia and China and how that would affect the U.S.

Some people have begun to prepare by purchasing gas powered generators, camping stoves, non-perishable food, and gallons of water or even water beds. Kerosene heaters are also popular in areas where January 1, 2000, is likely to be cold.

No discussion of the Y2K bug would be complete without a talking about the prophets of doom. They have web sites with names like y2k end-of-the-world and y2k chaos. Some of these groups have pamphlets on everything from how to grow your own food to learning elementary dentistry and first aid. Survivalists also are

buying guns to fend off those who didn't prepare. This is also a time for opportunists who are selling cruises to South America or self-sufficient homes in small towns in the Southwest.

In reality, only time will tell if anything happens on January 1, 2000.



**Y2K READY**

# HOT LIST

THIS YEAR'S BEST

MUSIC

## NO SCRUB TLC

After being away for a while the group of three returned.  
*March-April*

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## EVERY MORNING SUGAR RAY

This song was off of their second album, which did really well.  
*March-April*



## WHAT'S IT GONNA BE?!

### BUSTA RHYMES AND JANET JACKSON

This was the first time the famous pair teamed up.  
*March-April*

## I STILL BELIEVE MARIAH CAREY

This song was from her album called number 1's.  
*March-April*

## •HIDDENGEM

## LIVIN' LA VIDA LOCA RICKY MARTIN

He crossed over to the pop chart and popularized Latin music with this song.  
*May-June*



## BELIEVE CHER

She was making a whole different style of music.  
*March-April*



## KISS ME SIXPENCE NONE THE RICHER

This was one of many songs that came from a movie's soundtrack.  
*March-April*

## HEARTBREAK HOTEL WHITNEY HOUSTON, FAITH EVANS, AND KELLY PRICE

This song was about the bad part of breaking up with people.  
*January-March*

## ANGEL OF MINE MONICA

This was one of Monica's first songs. She was becoming a model as well.  
*March-April*



## C'EST LA VIE B\*WITCHED

This was a group of five girls from Ireland. They just started to make a name for themselves.  
*March-April*

## SLIDE

### GOO GOO DOLLS

The Goo Goo Dolls did very well this year. In addition to "Slide," their song "Iris" from the movie City of Angels was a hit.  
*March-April*



Backstreet Boys

## BOY BANDS ARE BACK

This year was the year for popular boy bands. While some of these bands were well established, others were just pushing through the door. Some of the more well-known groups were the Back Street Boys, N'Sync, and 98 Degrees.

One thing that the boy bands had in common was the people who made up the group. All of them had one pair of relatives, whether they were brothers or cousins. Then they had the cute young one, and finally the curiously cute ones.

These bands were primarily popular with teenage girls, but they all had at least one song that everyone liked listen to.

Plus, just as one single was getting old, they started to play another good song, so none of them had to be over played, except for requests.

The only real problem about the boy groups was that some songs were difficult to tell which group was singing them. They all sounded alike.

The only other problem was that people got sick of these songs really fast because they were over played on the radio, MTV, and VH1. Nevertheless, all of their songs had meanings.

—CATHY SNEELSON





# MOVIES

## Star Wars

SCIENCE FICTION

The force was with us once again as *Star Wars* fans were already going crazy over the new two-minute trailer which opened right before the Thanksgiving holiday. The trailer gave fans a glimpse of probably the most anticipated movie of all time. The movie titled, *Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace* was the first episode of the new prequel trilogy created by George Lucas for the first *Star Wars* movie produced in over 15 years.

The movie was set 40 years before Anakin Skywalker became the evil lord, Darth Vader; the formation of the Empire; where the Jedi Knights were the guardians of peace in the Old Republic, and the dark side of the force. In other words, the movie was about on how everything began really.

The trailer showed scenes from the movie, such as the first meeting of Anakin and Obi-Wan Kenobi, Anakin being brought to the Jedi council be-

cause people thought that he was evil because he was the only one who could see in the future.

The trailer also introduced some new characters such as Mace Windu, Qui-Gon Jinn, Darth Maul (the guy with the red devil face and the dual action lightsaber), and the Queen, who would one day marry Anakin and gave birth to Luke and Princess Leia.

It also brought back old favorites such as R2D2, C3PO, Boba Fett, Yoda, and Palpatine, who at that time was a senator, before he became the emperor and wanted Anakin to join him.

The movie had a May 21, 1999 release, with Episodes 2 and 3 coming out in 2002 and 2005.

The trailer itself caused a buzz about what the entire prequel trilogy would be like. Fans wondered whether it would predict what was going to happen in the next two episodes.



They were going on the official website ([www.StarWars.com](http://www.StarWars.com)) to find out information detail after detail, although some of the details posted there proved to be untrue.

Other fans wanted to see the trailer so much that they paid for a ticket to a movie just to see the trailer; then they got up and walked out before the movie started.

—JOE JUAREZ

## THE FACULTY

ALIENS TAKE OVER AVERAGE AMERICAN SCHOOL.

The two new masters of horror, director Robert Rodriguez and screenwriter Kevin Williamson teamed up for *The Faculty*, one of the best science-fiction/horror films of 1998.

The film was about a group of high school



students whose speculations that their school's faculty was being taken over by alien beings actually turned out to be true.

The film took place at Herrington High, the seemingly average American high school, until some very strange things started to occur.

For starters, the foulmouthed, temperamental football coach became polite and understanding overnight. The music teacher, a very timid and conservative woman, made a drastic change in her wardrobe and hairstyle. Miss Burke, a counselor, usually unassuming and quiet, takes the students by surprise when she starts to go off on students, using some pretty harsh words and phrases. For some strange reason, the entire faculty was drink-

ing water as if there were a major drought.

The first student to notice these strange occurrences was Casey. His warnings, however, went unheeded by his fellow students.

The students started getting hard evidence when Casey and Delilah witnessed Coach Willis and a fellow teacher attack and kill the school nurse. To their horror, she got back up as if nothing had happened.

Ironically, these members of the Class of '99 were the only ones who could save their school and the earth from complete alien domination.

*The Faculty* included some effective scares and plot twists that surprised the audience. The filmmakers made the task of figuring out who was an alien and who was not, very difficult. However, that was only half the fun of *The Faculty*.

—JOE STEVENS

HORROR



## URBAN LEGEND

The next post-modern horror film to cash in on *Scream*'s success is the college slasher film *Urban Legend*. It packed in teenagers, most of whom loved to get scared.

What was post-modern horror? Post-modern horror meant a film that scared, yet had a few good laughs and irony thrown in for good measure. From the beginning, the film filled the theater with screams of "Oh my God" and laughter.

On a stormy night, a girl named Michelle drove back to Pendleton College and ran out of gas. Consequently, she stopped at a gas station on a dark and lonely road. The station's attendant lured her inside and locked the door behind him, but Michelle put up a good fight and got away. Unknown to her, the attendant was trying to save her from an ax murderer in the back seat of the car. Consequently, Michelle was brutally murdered.

After hearing about their fellow student's death, Pendleton College students discussed their college's own urban legend. Supposedly, 25 years before a teacher went psycho and murdered an entire building full of students before killing himself.

The story revolved around a group of friends, including our heroine

Natalie, her friends Brenda and Sasha; college newspaper reporter Paul; and campus prankster Damon. The friends had a class together that covered, among other things, folklore and urban legends, taught by the cranky Professor Wexler. He tried to convince his students the scary stories, or urban legends they have been frightened by their whole lives, were not true.

Soon, three of Natalie's friends were murdered. She tried informing the dean of students; but he refused to listen, afraid that bad publicity might hurt the school's enrollment.

With no one else to turn to, teamed up with Paul. They suspected Professor Wexler might be the murderer after finding an ax and the killer's apparel in his office. However, the movie had a surprise twist. Just remember that nobody was what he or she appeared to be.

To scare the audience, the film-makers built the tension with great scary music, camera angles, and chase scenes. The film's music had the ability to startle and send chills up the spine.

*Urban Legend* was filled with spectacular chase scenes that might have even made the avid horror fans cling to the edge of their seats.

— JOE STEVENS

## AUSTIN POWERS: THE SPY WHO SHAGGED ME

*The Spy Who Shagged Me* was funnier than its predecessor. Once again it was written by star Mike Myers. It used humor that took potshots at a wide range of pop culture targets.

*The Spy Who Shagged Me* was a continuation of the adventures of the delusional secret agent and the villain Dr. Evil, both played again by Mike Myers. The two men traveled back in time to the 1960's where Dr. Evil had hatched a plan to steal Austin Powers's mojo. Waiting in the past were Young Number Two who helped Dr. Evil and lovely agent Shagwell who bewitched Austin Powers.

A tiny clone of Dr. Evil called Mini-Me was new to this movie. They immediately started pulling shenanigans.

The movie's plot jumped all over throwing all kinds of movie references and spoofs at the viewer. The references went quickly and if you weren't watching closely, you missed some of them. As with the first Austin Powers film, Myers's talent for skit humor carried the film.



COMEDY

# TELEVISION

## WWF OR WCW

PROFESSIONAL  
WRESTLING WAS  
EXTREMELY POPULAR.

The World Wrestling Federation (WWF) and the World Championship Wrestling (WCW) were the two most popular wrestling federations.

"Stone Cold" Steve Austin, The Rock, the Undertaker, the Ultimate Warrior, and Hulk Hogan were only a few of the famous names in the world of professional wrestling.

Many new things happened, such as some wrestlers changing from one federation to the other and from being a good guy to a bad guy and the other way around. Plus, we have also seen a few wrestlers return to the sport and while others left.

The latest things on WWF was the mess up of the owner's family. Of course, eventually it will be sorted out.



One thing both wrestling federations had in common was a pay-per-view event once a month. That showed how popular wrestling was becoming.

In addition, both federations had

two shows a week, on Monday and Thursday. Both were well watched.

Not only that, but many people enjoyed watching live events. They went into Chicago or to the

Hammond Civic Center for the chance to see their favorite professional wrestlers in person. This gave them the chance to take pictures and get autographs from their wrestling heroes.

— CATHY SNELSON

## THE REAL WORLD

'REAL' PEOPLE WITH 'REAL' PROBLEMS

How would you like to live rent free in a house with an awesome view? Sounds great doesn't it? There was one stipulation... a camera was shoved in your face at all times exposing your deepest, darkest secrets to the television audience. This was what occurred on the show *The Real World* which aired on MTV during the summer.

The show might seem like all fun and games, but before the cast could appear on television, they had to sign a contract which required each member to have a job and contribute their opinion in every conflict that occurred in the house. It was the conflict which kept viewers anticipating the next show.

After the show was taped, edited and put on television, the question was "Does it all seem worth it?" After a series of seasons were aired, a fol-



low-up show aired. The majority of cast members said that the show put their business in the streets causing of fanmail from "know-it-all viewers."

There were some perks to the show that made it worthwhile such as the trips to places you never thought you'd visit, and a chance to let everyone see the "real" you.

— OLYMPIA ANTHONY

# HOT SHOWS MUST SEE TV

## The Simpson's COMEDY - FOX

The Simpson's were still running strong. They were funnier than ever, and it seemed only to keep getting better. Every episode of the Simpson's was funny yet related to things in the real world. With new episodes once a week and re-runs three times a day, who could miss the Simpson's?

## South Park COMEDY - COMEDY CENTRAL

This show was the talk of the school. Every Thursday morning that was all you heard about, especially if it was a new episode. The people in charge of South Park have been very busy. They were coming out with a movie, and they also came out with a CD.



## Friends COMEDY -NBC

This year the producers took a whole different approach. The biggest thing was the Ross and Rachel thing last year. That was still going on, but there was more with the Chandler and Monica surprise. Only Joey and Phoebe knew anything about their relationship, and that was the way they wanted it to be.

## Drew Carey COMEDY - ABC

This was a show that laughed about life's little problems. It also taught life lessons in a different way. It taught two main points in life. One was that no matter what problem you were having, go to your friends. Finally, just laugh at life's little problems, and they will go away easier.

## Ally McBeal COMEDY - FOX

This was a weird and wacky show that was full of funny surprises. The characters of this show seemed to click with each other. Of course, there was the wackiest of all characters, Ally McBeal, herself. Tune in to see what wacky things came next.

## ER DRAMA - NBC

A partial change of cast was enough to shake things up a bit and helped ratings. There were the weekly emergencies to be dealt with and then the continuing plot. The biggest event of the season was that Dr. Ross left and left Carol behind pregnant.

## Dawson's Creek DRAMA - WGN

The plot of this show made a big circle. First, Dawson and Joey got together, then they broke up, and now they were back together. Plus, Pacey got a girl, and they fell deeply in love. Then it wouldn't be a drama without a little fight here and there.

## Felicity DRAMA - WGN

This was a story about a person who tried to get used to being away at college. While there, she seemed to get herself in a mess. She made a mess of things between guys she had a crush on. She liked both of them, but the one she really liked was the one she was to afraid to talk to most of the time. She was afraid that she was going to make a bad impression on him.

## Providence DRAMA -NBC

This was a new series based on a family whose mother had just passed away, and she came back to talk to her daughter in her dreams. The father was a vet, and the daughter, Sydney, was a doctor. The other sister was an unwed mother, and the brother was a recovering criminal. There were so many things happening that you had to watch it to understand it.

## 7th Heaven DRAMA - WGN

This was a show where values counted. In fact, the producers made sure viewers could tell the message they were trying to get across. This was unlike other shows that mixed the message in with the plot. It was a program that was very non-violent and had a religious based.

## Real World REAL LIFE - MTV

This was a show where seven strangers were put together in a house, where they lived for a couple of months. This was where they learned to meet new people, made new friends, and experienced things that they would never be able to forget even if they wanted to. The whole point was we got to watch them argue.





# SPORTS

## Michael Jordan

SAYING HE HAD ACCOMPLISHED ALL THE INDIVIDUAL GOALS HE COULD, MICHAEL JORDAN, PERHAPS THE MOST POPULAR PLAYER IN THE NBA, RETIRED.

Michael Jordan announced his retirement from basketball on January 13. It was his second retirement from basketball in five years, but it looked like he really meant it this time.

He told a press conference that "From a career standpoint I accomplished all I could as an individual... It's a perfect time to walk away from the game. I'm at peace with it."

Although he was repeatedly asked if he would return again, he said, "I never say never, but 99.9 percent I'm sure with my decision."

Bulls owner Jerry Reinsdorf told the fans, "This is the day I hoped would never come. This has to be the toughest day in the history of the Chicago Bulls, a tough day for the city of Chicago, a tough day for the NBA, a tough day for basketball fans all over the world."

Jordan walked away from the game with a lockout looming. Yet he scored the last basket in his last NBA game, a jumper with six seconds left in Game Six of the NBA Finals. This gave the Bulls their sixth title in eight years.

He was noted for his high-flying style of play. He dominated the game in a way no other shooting guard had.

His scoring average of 31.5 points per game was the highest in league history, and his average of 33.4 points per game was the highest as well. Only two other players scored more than Jordan's 29,277 career points.

He was responsible for the growth in popularity of the NBA. He also changed America's view of black athletes as commercial spokesmen.



## INDIANA PACERS

LOOKING GOOD SO FAR, AND THEY ARE STILL IN THE RUNNING FOR THE FINALS.

Indiana Pacers Coach Larry Bird was frustrated for much of the year because of the inconsistent play of his team. He would have preferred to see them come together earlier.

The Pacers had a three game winning streak going as a result of

beating the New York Knicks. Their victory put the Knicks playoff chances in serious doubt. It also put the pressure on Miami in the battle for the top seed in the Eastern Conference.

The win was the third in a row for Indiana, all over potential playoff opponents. The Pacers beat Charlotte and Atlanta, also a contender for home-court advantage, in overtime games.

Bird said, "They played the way we've been expecting them to play for a long time. It's a wait-and-see for me because I've never been on a team that won anything that

waited for the last four games to get started."

In the end, the Pacers won their first round playoff series against Milwaukee only to come up against the New York Knicks.

In spite of their underdog role in the series, the New York Knicks beat the Pacers 4-2 in the best of seven series sending the Pacers home to watch the finals.

In the finals the San Antonio Spurs proved victorious winning the championship.

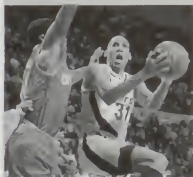
### TIGER WOODS

Since the time when Tiger Woods was eight, he continued to improve and win the big golf tournaments.

Throughout it all, he was never satisfied with his game. In 1998 he rebuilt his swing. As a result, he didn't achieve the same level of success that he did in 1997 when he won the Masters. However, in 1998-99 Woods was back on top.

"This year has been a fabulous year. I'm right up there. Look at my stats," exclaimed Woods.

COULD BE GOOD





# Battle of the Bats

SAMMY SOSA AND MARK MCGUIRE CAN TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR RENEWING AN INTEREST IN BASEBALL.

RECORD RUN

Baseball fever hit fans strong and hard this past summer. The media went into a promotional frenzy over Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire. Sosa and McGwire were the big league hitters this summer.

They went head to head in a homerun slug fest to see who would win the record for most homeruns in a single season. McGwire and Sosa gave America a summer that will never be forgotten.

When it was all over, Sammy Sosa had hit his 63rd home run to finish two

behind Mark McGwire who hit 65.

The season ended with a rain-delayed game which the Cubs lost to St. Louis 9-5 in five innings.

After McGwire hit his 65th, Sosa hit a three run shot for his 63rd in front of the President of the Dominican Republic, Leonel Fernandez.

Sosa said, "I remember when President Clinton came to Chicago and I hit a home run. Now the president of my own country came and I hit a home run. That's satisfying."

Both players held records in the baseball industry. Sosa held the record for the most

homeruns hit in a single month. In the month of June, he hit an amazing 20-homers. Sosa also set another record for most homers before a grand slam. He hit 247 homers before getting his first grand slam. He also became the first Cubs player in history to hit grand slams in back-to-back games.

Sosa was voted the National League's Most Valuable Player for 1998. He was also honored as the outstanding player in the National League.

McGwire was also responsible for the baseball epidemic. He held the record for the most home runs in a single season by a first baseman. In the 1998 season, McGwire hit 70 homeruns. This was his second consecutive season holding a record for homeruns. McGwire was also voted "American of the Year" by America Online.

Sosa and McGwire were praised by the media for their charity work and being involved in community functions. Both were involved in auctioning off items that played a part in their homerun streaks.

Sosa also created a foundation for the hurricane victims from his native country the Dominican Republic.

Watching these two men chase records that spectators thought no one would break was what helped put these two superstars in the running for the label of "the greatest things that have ever happened in sports history."

— OLYMPIA ANTHONY

Wrestling fan Joe  
Jaw Steve  
Austin at the Civic  
Center.

## WRESTLING

SPORTS OF ALL KINDS

Everywhere you went, you saw a lot of people wearing T-shirts that say "Austin 3:16," "N.W.O.," and "D-Generation X." All of these names represented one thing. Pro-Wrestling.

Both the World Wrestling Federation (W.W.F.) and World Championship Wrestling (W.C.W.) attracted millions of fans of all ages. Both males and females flock to the arenas to see live wrestling events and watch highly rated cable TV shows like *W.W.F. Monday Night Raw* and *W.C.W. Monday Nitro*. They also watched the big marquee pay-per-view events like *W.W.F. Wrestlemania* and *W.C.W. Starrcade* and bought merchandise of all kinds, from T-shirts, to action figures, posters, and video games like "Warzone" and "W.C.W. Nitro."

Thanks to superstars, such as "Hollywood" Hulk Hogan, "Stone Cold" Steve Austin, "Goldberg," "The Undertaker," Kane, "The Rock," "D-Generation X," Sting, and the "N.W.O.," pro-wrestling was one of the most talked about subjects among people of all ages. People craved information concerning what happened on *Nitro* or *Raw*, or who won the main event at the pay-per-view.

Keith Gouvers, '99, who attended a *Nitro* show at the United Center said, "It was a great experience on how loud the crowd can get for Goldberg, and the 'Ultimate Warrior' was cool. We were sitting right behind the lighting and sound guys."

"It was pretty cool. It was pretty crazy in seeing a lot of the wrestlers.... It was a real fun time, real life experience than it is on TV," enthused Jake Argenta, '00.

quiet **CHAOS**

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# Something for everyone

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**TOP RIGHT** A student reads her Parenting assignment. Students learn the importance of building positive parent-child relationships.

**BOTTOM RIGHT** Students work on their chemistry tests. Core 40 requirements and modern technology are causing many students to take chemistry and physics.

**TOP** Bret Seger works on his chemistry assignment. Chemistry is one branch of science which requires good math skills.

**MIDDLE TOP** A Building Trades student paints the patio door. Building Trades is a course which teaches skills through doing them.

**MIDDLE** Students in cake decorating class practice their skills. The class sells decorated cakes to staff members.

**MIDDLE BOTTOM** Keyboarding teacher Judy LeDuc takes a look at the progress some of her students have made on their assignments.

**BOTTOM** Math teacher Debra Staffield gives individual help to students during a guided practice segment of class.

## Students can choose from a wide variety of classes for many different interests.

The room waited in total silence. Then a loud buzzer echoed and another silence fell as the answer was revealed. The crowd cheered the winners at this academic event. Of course, not all events are quiet.

Merrillville students entered competitions in many difference subjects. Many academic events took as much studying as some school subjects. Merrillville students competed in Spell Bowl, JETS, HERO, business, auto mechanics, and Academic Decathlon to name just a few. Some of these events were tied to classes taught during the regular school day, but others were not.

Like the academic competitions, students were able to take a wide variety of classes. Students who like hands-on activities could sign up for classes such as CAD, Building Trades, ceramics, keyboarding, advanced fitness, or gourmet foods.

Some classes, such as Advanced Composition or Advanced Placement classes, were aimed at giving students a head start in college. If students pass the AP test in the spring, they would receive college credit for the course and would not have to retake it later.

Other classes were required either by the state or by the school corporation. Some students even took special classes that helped them prepare for the ISTEP+ test which the Class of 2000 must pass to graduate.

—LISA FESKO

# quiet CHAOS

ACADEMICS



**ABOVE** Health teacher Greg Pierson reviews with his class. Students are required to take one semester of health in order to graduate from Merrillville High School.

**OPPOSITE** Health students work with a partner to complete the day's assignment.

**I**t's one of those things. Everyone's got to do it. However, most students filled their Health and Safety requirements during their freshman or sophomore year.

Nevertheless, every once in awhile, there was a lone senior making up the semester of health that somehow was forgotten until the last minute. Embarrassing as it might be, there was no way around it.

Health teachers Greg Pierson and Maggie Lain worked closely together to ensure that all students learned the same things.

Students learned about their bodies. They studied the major systems which make up the body and the functions of each system. Students also focused on how to keep each part of their body healthy.

A highlight of the semester for many of the students was learning to do CPR. The students' study of first aid and CPR concluded with receiving their American Red Cross Certification Cards.

Most of the students enjoyed the time spent working with the resuscitation dummies. Learning to control their breathing and compressions wasn't too difficult for most students. On the other hand, a few students found watching the dummy's chest to see if it was rising and falling correctly as they counted was a challenge.

Health and Safety was a class that also had to change with the changing times. Students today not only had to

learn how their reproductive system worked; they had to learn about STD's (sexually transmitted diseases), and AIDS. They studied how such diseases were contracted and how they could be avoided. They learned that the best way to keep from getting AIDS or STD's was by abstinence.

The damage that smoking, drugs, and alcohol could do to their bodies was another major topic. Students studied about the negative effects these addictions could have on their lives and the lives of those close to them.

Students also learned that the way to be healthy in their old age was to learn and practice good health habits now. Although most teens were not worried about when they got old, the idea made sense to some health conscious students.

Good nutrition was an important part of the unit as students learned about eating healthy food. A healthy diet was important even if they were eating out.

Dieting was another serious subject since many of today's teens had gone on a diet at least once. Students learned that dieting could lead to major health problems.

Many teens had a poor self image which led then to eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa and bulimia. This was a serious consideration because many students wanted to be like the thin, beautiful stars that they saw in their favorite television shows or in their favorite movies.

—LISA FESKO

*Students learn that a healthy diet and an exercise program can lead to a*

# Good Life





# quiet **CHAOS**

ACADEMICS



*Five teams of students represent hard work, determination, and discipline.*

# Mind Games



"SUCCESS IS A MARATHON, NOT A SPRINT." - UNKNOWN

"One must be dedicated to studying and willing to have a little fun." - Sarah Peters, '00

What is a defibulator? According to Jeff S. Miller, '00, it was what Melissa Johnston, '00, "always answers medical equipment questions with, and it's only been right once." Of course, these things only happen on the MHS Quiz Bowl team.

The Quiz Bowl team was one of five Academic teams at Merrillville. It involved "a lockout system of buzzers covering all topics. We basically cover an eclectic range of topics," said Coach Jim Edgcomb. The team practiced one to two times a week and used old test questions to prepare for competitions.

Robert Wojcik, '99, was the Varsity captain and said the team had to "study almost everything that happened in the past." Miller, a first year member, commented, "This year has been fun. The chemistry [with each other] was right, and Mr. Edgcomb made it fun."

Another academic team was the Super Bowl team. "This year we had to read 'Paradise Lost' and 'An Essay on Man,' for the English portion of the competition," said Mike Vaughan, '99, a third year member of the team. Vaughan continued, "We had to know cell biology and physics for Science." Vaughan received two first place medals in Science in the area competition.

Thirdly, the Academic Decathlon team took first place in the large school division at their regional competition. They received the championship plaque and thirty-one individual medals. Coach Dee Edgcomb said that the team practiced five hours a week studying many different

subjects. Continuing, she commented that "this year we had to read two novels and study ancient river civilizations." Coach Scott Staley said, "Students had to put in a lot of personal time studying all the materials." Aleksandar Goreski, '00, commented that, "This year's competition was very tough, however, the experience has helped me prepare for the type of competition that I'll have next year."

Next, members of the Spellbowl team had their work cut out for them memorizing words such as "Ecclesiastes," said member Sarah Peters. The Spellbowl members got the word list last spring and reviewed it during the summer. This year's list was long, as usual. "We had a lot of foreign words," Peters replied, but the team still managed to receive awards at the area competition.

Finally, the Speech team had its own share of achievements. "They participated in several meets this year. Among them were meets held at Kankakee Valley and Munster," said new head coach Shelly Pehlgim. Members of the team placed well in almost every meet. "I think that, given the circumstances, we had a very successful season," Pehlgim commented.

All of the people involved in the Academic teams worked especially hard to achieve success and have a great time as well.

Wojcik said, "We do the best when we go out there and just have fun."  
—Tiffany Stochel



**FAR RIGHT** Jennifer Yugo, '00, Jennifer Lyles, '99, Terra Pearson, '99, and Mike Glorioso, '99, enjoy a moment of comic relief from senior Lisa Farver. Farver placed first in Duo with Glorioso at Gary West Side and Munster.

**ABOVE** Laurie Farver, '01, and Melissa Ramirez, '01, rehearse their pieces. "Each member was responsible for finding their own pieces for their presentations," said Pehlgim.

**UPPER LEFT** Jennifer Yugo displays her acting ability through facial expressions as well as arm and hand gestures. Yugo went to the state competition after being named a first alternate in Discussion.

*Temporary vacations from school, such as field trips, are a relief for most students.*

# Time Out

**OPPOSITE ABOVE** David Huber, Tony Azcona and Oliver Dorsuleski, students in Irene Spiro's third and fourth year French classes, compete in the tricycle race at Valparaiso University's Jomee Francaise.

**OPPOSITE BELOW** Buses pull out from the back of the school to take participating seniors on their field trip to Deep River Waterpark. The senior class won the trip for having the most spirit points in this year's competition.

What was something you could not wait to wake up for as a child, and you still found it rather exciting as a teenager?

It was the perfect excuse to escape from school without getting in trouble. No, it was not Christmas break. It was a field trip!

Students and teachers both enjoy the idea of field trips because these outings can be considered fun and educational.

Business Law and Internet teacher Andy Nicksich liked to take classes on a field trip once a semester. Nicksich commented, "I want to show my students how the classroom knowledge applies to the real world."

Some students believed that the number of field trips students took were limited this year. However, Principal Evelyn Ennsman explained, "Field trips are not limited, but must serve a purpose, extension, or insight to the student's lesson in order to make the field trip necessary."

She also pointed out that the school had to consider that the cost was important because it had to pay for substitutes and transportation.

Ennsman added that field trips not only effected those going on the trip, but also those who were left behind. "With substitutes (instead of the regular teacher) and

students not present in class you have to realize everyone involved is missing out on their education," concluded Ennsman.

In spite of the disadvantages, some teachers and students believed that field trips were important. Dana Miller, '99, said, "I feel we should take more field trips because you learn more. Field trips make things more interesting because sitting in the classroom day after day listening to the teachers lecture gets old after twelve years!"

If we imagined a fantasy world where field trips did not have a price tag for the school, many people had suggestions for possible trips. Nicksich would love to go to Wall Street in New York City. He feels it would "show the students how exciting the world of business really is."

Suzana Radiceski had another idea, "I think the foreign language teachers should be allowed to take their students to the country of the language that they are studying! This way students would be able to get the full effect of speaking and listening skills."

Since Merrillville won't be seeing these make believe field trips anytime soon; students had even more of a reason to savor every trip they took this year.

—JENNIFER MOLA



# quiet CHAOS

ACADEMICS

**OPPOSITE** Ryan Scott, Steve Hernandez, Christina Towry and Mike Tucker work on a worksheet while listening to what their teacher has to say.



**ABOVE** Cory Adler reads his Newsweek while Priscilla Assibey-Mensah and Kristina Roberts fill out a worksheet. Newsweek and 60 Minutes are part of the curriculum.



**ABOVE** Sean Tomondi, Adam Sparacino, and Anna Ponce pay attention to a movie in Econ while Ray Rogalski tries to stay awake.

## THE MISCONCEPTION OF GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMICS

"It was a required class so I decided to take it during summer school and found out you really have to study even in summer school!"

Students had the misconception that Government and Economics were hard classes. Seniors had to take these classes because they were required by law. Students who were in junior honors classes could also take them.

In Government classes, students learned about the United States governmental system, past and current events happening in the government, and how the system worked.

The majority of the students did not find Government very hard. "If you take notes and listen, then the class will not be hard", said Erica Brown, '99. The Government teachers are Diane Mandon, Pat Mulloy, and Craig Stafford.

Like Government, Economics was required by law. Economics was split into two different courses, one was Economic Theory and the other course was Consumer Economics. Economic Theory was a course that intended for students who planned to go to college. Economic Theory was a class about Micro and Macro Economics that were used in a market economy, and it also looked at labor, business, banking, and government. Students also learned about the stock market and how much they gained or lost on their stock, and also learn how to budget.

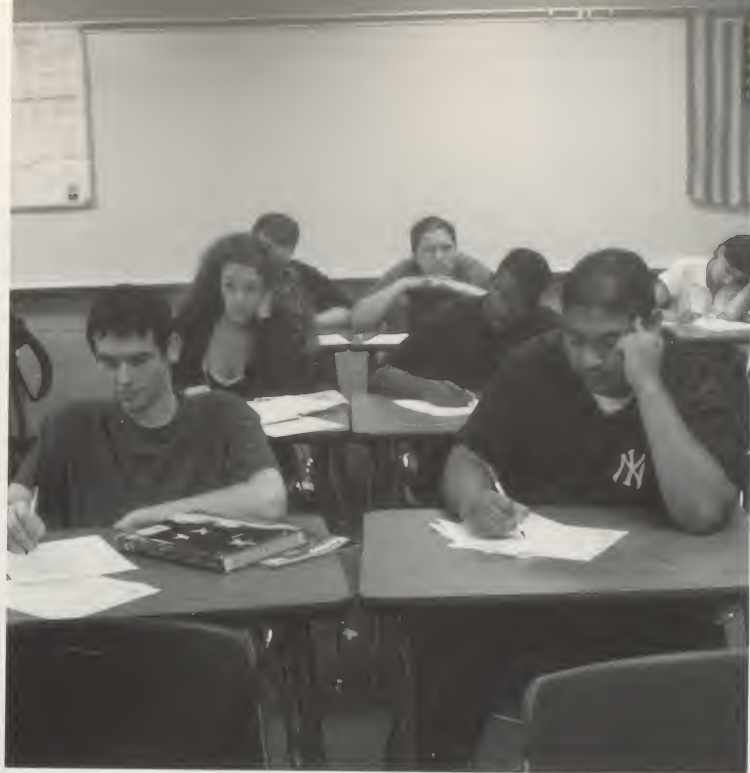
Most people took this class in the summer before they were seniors so it would not be as hard. Students only took it because it was required, but they also learned. Whitney Ross '99 said, "I took Economic Theory because it is required, but I did learn a lot."

Consumer Economics was concerned with the rights of the consumer in the United States. Students learned about the theories of borrowing and purchasing, and also, in this class students looked at the lending and consumer protection laws. This class was on the current events, and the economic affect on the United States.

Both Government and Economics classes were semester courses. Taking them in summer school allowed the student to have his credits for those two classes and not have to take it in the fall. Also, students found that taking Government and Economics classes in the summer was the best thing to do because they could concentrate more on those two classes. It was easier to have two subjects that seemed to be hard out of the way, so when you come back to school in the fall you have two classes out of the way and you can have two more to add to your schedule. Taking these classes helped students a lot with college because in college you will have to take these classes.

—TOWANDA HAMMONDS





*Learning about what holds the  
country together and having  
some fun while doing it.*

# Required

# quiet **CHAOS**

ACADEMICS



*With an eye on their future,  
Industrial Arts students sign  
up to learn*

# CAD Skills



#### WHY WOULD YOU RECOMMEND THIS CLASS?

“CAD allows students the opportunity to use Autocad software which is the leader in the CAD industry.”

**A**re you looking to play a big role in the future? Do you like designing things? One class that will help more than others is CAD.

CAD stands for “Computer Aided Design.” It was an important class for anyone interested in going into architecture, engineering or many other technology fields. Knowledge of CAD could lead to a career as a CAD drafter, a Lead CAD Drafter, or as a CAD/CAM specialist as well.

In CAD students used the computer system instead of pencils, t-squares and drafting boards to create various drawings.

According to CAD teacher Mike Krutz, the students did three view drawings, house floor plans, house elevations, working drawings, isometric drawings, and laser projects in the class.

Krutz enjoyed teaching the class. He added the best part about teaching the class was that, “Every student is different in terms of [CAD] abilities so it makes it challenging to meet the needs of every student.”

Schools today strive to teach students the skills they would need in the business world. That was one of the

reasons Krutz recommended the class. He said, “CAD allows students the opportunity to learn and use Autocad software which is the leader in the CAD industry.”

Students signed up to take CAD for a variety of reasons. CAD student Olympia Anthony, '99, scheduled the class because she “heard it was easy.” Once she was in the class she found that wasn't necessarily the case.

She said that her favorite project in the class was making the house plan. Students were assigned to make a house plan for their dream house.

Anthony added, “You had to know exact measurements.” She also said that the project involved making decisions on furniture placement and a lot of typing.

Other students took the class because they were debating about a career in the field. They thought that the class would give them a little insight into whether they would be happy doing CAD as a permanent job.

They were pleased that the variety of assignments gave them a good look at the types of things they would be required to do in the future.

—TERA GALOVIC

**OPPOSITE** A CAD student studies the measurements of his triangle. Math skills are a necessity to excel in CAD.

**ABOVE** Students compare notes about what the next step should be. CAD provides students with marketable skills.

**ABOVE RIGHT** A CAD student reads through the directions for the latest project in CAD class. Much of the work is done as individual projects.

# quiet CHAOS

ACADEMICS

*Building Trades offers opportunities to those interested in the trades and construction.*



# McKinley

**ABOVE** Keith Hosler finishes the trim on the back sliding door which leads out to a deck. Hosler works on the house fourth through sixth hour everyday.

**OPPOSITE RIGHT** Steve Hernandez enjoys finishing his job, while Jason Sanchez views his work. The class has been working on the house for a little over a year.

Most students struggled during their high school years wondering what they were going to do with themselves after graduation. There were a few students who were fortunate to have already taken their first steps to prepare for their future. Where did they discover such a great opportunity? At a sky blue house at 5871 McKinley. It was here that MHS's Building Trades class could be found laying floor tile, hanging dry wall, and basically piecing together the necessary pieces of a house.

The Building Trade's class consisted of a small group of Merrillville students, all males, who learned an overview of all the different trades. Some of the trades included carpenter, electrician, painter, and bricklayer. The students traveled on a bus to the house everyday, which was where the dirty work began. Some of the guys were at the house first through third hours, while the rest of the students worked on the house fourth through sixth hours.

Teacher Bob Mackoyak, who has taught the class for two years now, said that Building Trades "gives students a chance to try different occupations before they graduate." Keith Hosler '00 said, "It is a good chance to learn something that I will always be able to use."

It was true that these skills would be useful considering the majority of trade students land jobs after graduation, which did not require them to continue schooling. "You get a chance to work for big companies, and gain experience for more and more jobs, explained Larry

Gutierrez '99, "Companies all around the trades are interested in apprentices coming out of high school.

Building Trades was a class for anyone. Even though the class this year was one hundred percent male, this class had also been for girls too. The guys all agreed that there would be no discrimination towards any girls who took the class, but that there would be a lot of attention focused on her because you did not see very many female construction workers. Gutierrez felt that no matter what gender a person was, people gave you the respect to get the job done.

Steve Minchuk claimed, "If you do not have the book smarts then you can still do this!" "You just need to be somewhat good with math and good with your hands," explained Jason Sanchez, '99. Mackoyak believed the class built good self esteem, while Ryan Scott, '99, described the course as "laidback, while at the same time preparing for the future."

Besides landing a job, these students could then build their own home someday. Gutierrez commented, "After a good 10 to 15 years, it would not be hard to construct a house of your own."

What more could you ask for? Guaranteed opportunities, and the creation of your own house. Anyone who was good with his hands, this might be the right path for you.

—JENNIFER MOLA

HOW SERIOUS SHOULD STUDENTS TAKE THE BUILDING TRADE'S CLASS?

"This is not a blow-off class, there is homework and detentions!" -

Steve Minchuk, '99



**ABOVE** Steve Hernandez and Casey Phelan take their time to wire an electrical outlet in one of the house's bedrooms. The house contains three bedrooms, a family room, formal dining room, two full bathrooms, and a kitchen.



**ABOVE** Aaron Standifer concentrates on sealing and painting the border of one of the house's many doors.







What is an aperture? How do I know where to set my f stop? What is depth of field?

Students in Photography I learned about photo-imagery as an artform. They also learned that photo-imagery can be done both with and without a camera.

Before they could learn to shoot photos, students first learned the parts of their cameras and how those parts worked together to take the picture. Then they learned how to manually set the cameras according to the light available and also according to their distance from the object being photographed.

They also learned the basics of composition and design including depth of field, which is when the subject being photographed is in focus but the background gets out of focus the farther away it gets. Students then shot assignments demonstrating their knowledge of the basics of design and composition.

Once students had learned about their cameras and how to shoot the images, they learned to develop and print the black and white photos. With practice and experimentation students learned the correct number of seconds each print required to bring out the best contrast in the photo.

The semester long Photography II class concentrated on refining the skills that students learned in Photography I. Students did more challenging projects demon-

strating their understanding and use of the principles of design. They also learned more complex darkroom techniques like solarization.

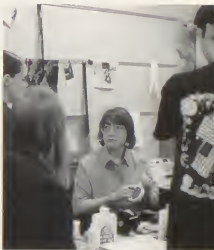
Students who completed the first year of photography classes had the option to sign up for a second year of photography. Photography 3 and 4 introduced the students to the skills needed to succeed as a photojournalist. This meant a type of photography which involved action instead of shooting still pictures of things.

Students learned about the importance of action and reaction. Pictures of the reaction to an event often produced better, more interesting facial expressions.

Photojournalism also involved shooting pictures at various sports events, which involved having a good enough understanding of the sport being photographed to anticipate where the action was going to occur.

Photographing sports also meant using the correct film and shutter speeds to stop the action without blurring. Sometimes this was done by mastering a process called "pushing" the film. Once students pushed the film, they had to learn the correct way to develop and print the "pushed" film.

Early in the year, Photography 3 and 4 students also had the opportunity to shoot some pictures for the newspaper and the yearbook before they moved on to other challenging projects.



**ABOVE** Photography teacher Janet Anderson prepares to bulk load film as students gather around her desk. Bulk loading the film allows students to purchase the film less expensively and allows the teacher to control the number of frames in each cartridge.

**OPPOSITE** A photography student studies her current project looking for ways to improve what she has done.

*Photography I and II  
students master the basics  
to create artistic photo-*

# Images

# quiet CHAOS

ACADEMICS



**ABOVE** Sarah Stupic, one of the earth science students, is measuring all different types of rock samples while classmate Mike Liess calculates the data for the lab.

**OPPOSITE** Joshua White is sifting layers of dirt to find clay, sand, and pebbles as partner Brandi Reid weighs the material and writes down the calculations.

What class was about "the processes that shape our environment?" Earth Science was the class, of course. This class discussed "the structure, contents, and changes in the solid earth, the earth's oceans, the earth's atmosphere, and the universe which earth is a part of." This class, even speculated how humankind may have evolved into its present state.

Maryetta Petras and Sally Morgan were the only two teachers who taught Earth Science last year. Morgan had been teaching Earth Science for one year, but had been teaching at Merrillville for 26 years. Petras had been teaching earth science for two years. She, unlike Morgan who teaches Earth Science for only one class period, spends five class hours a day teaching it. Petras said, "No, I'm not bored teaching earth science all day because I really like my subject and each class is different."

Students needed to have at least one prior science class to take Earth Science. Basic math skills were also necessary. A student should have been interested in the "physical world" and have been curious about why and how things have happened. They should also have wanted to study the earth, design and carry out experiments, as well as use computers to research and analyze data. With these basic skills, last year's earth science students made the best out of the class.

Earth science was very interesting and also fun. In fact, last year, students completed a lab/inquiry into the weather on the Internet. With this available, they were able to access current weather data. The class even completed an earth materials heat lab, a mineral identification lab, and a project on growing crystals. Petras added, "I'd like to do more of those types of activities."

Another aspect that helped the learning process is the fact the classes got to travel to Pierce to see the Planetarium. The field trips was short but enjoyable. The teachers hoped to create more Earth type field trips for the future.

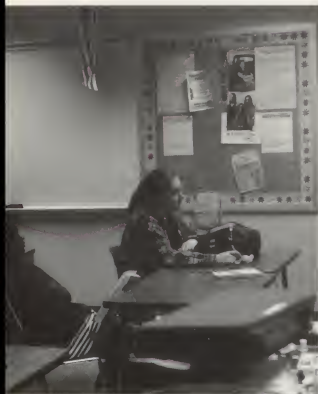
With all this enjoyment, one might have wondered how informative could this class be. Very informative! Glenn Smith, '99, very educatedly said, "I [have] learned the intricacies of many of the phenomena that appear to be unexplained." Dragan Muvceski, '99, took the class because he thought it "would be interesting." And it proved to be interesting because he learned a lot about the universe as a whole, its formation, climate patterns, it's composition, and how it functioned. With all these exciting experiments and interesting work Earth Science has proved to be a fascinating class.

—ERICA DAVIS

*Earth science proves to not only be informative, but full of fun learning.*

# The Earth





*Parenting teaches students the importance of building positive parent-child relationships.*

# Life Skills





STUDENTS STUDY THE ROLES OF MOTHERS AND FATHERS.

## “Appropriate parenting procedures are emphasized according to the varying needs of children.”

“What a sweet baby! Isn’t it cute the way he is blowing bubbles? You can’t tell now that he has colic every evening at dinner time.”

“Hello. This is Susie’s pre-school. She is running a fever and is nauseated. We need for you to come pick her up now.”

“Hello. This is Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_; I am Johnny’s English teacher. I am calling to let you know that Johnny has three homework slips in his English class. We need to work together to get him back on track so that he doesn’t lose credit for this required class.”

“Yes, that’s my son/daughter. I’m so proud of his/her achievements in high school. He/she is going to IU in Bloomington next fall.”

Students learned the best way to cope with a variety of common problems and situations in the Parenting class taught by Betty Barsley-Marra. Parenting, a course in the Family and Consumer Science department, emphasized the life skills a person needed to be a good mother or father.

The semester long class concentrates on the parent’s role in the physical, emotional, social, moral and intel-

lectual development of the child.

Barsley-Marra said, “The importance of mothering and fathering is stressed when discussing issues relating to healthy children and building a positive parent-child relationship.”

Students learn the things necessary to have healthy, happy children from the correct types of baby furniture to choose to how to deal with the emotional needs of an older child. For example, students learn that cribs with narrow space between the rails are safest because a baby can get its head caught between the rails if they are five to six inches apart.

This course overlaps slightly with the Child Development class because students must understand how children develop in order to learn what the parent’s role in that development should be.

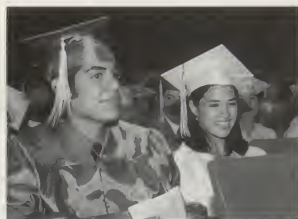
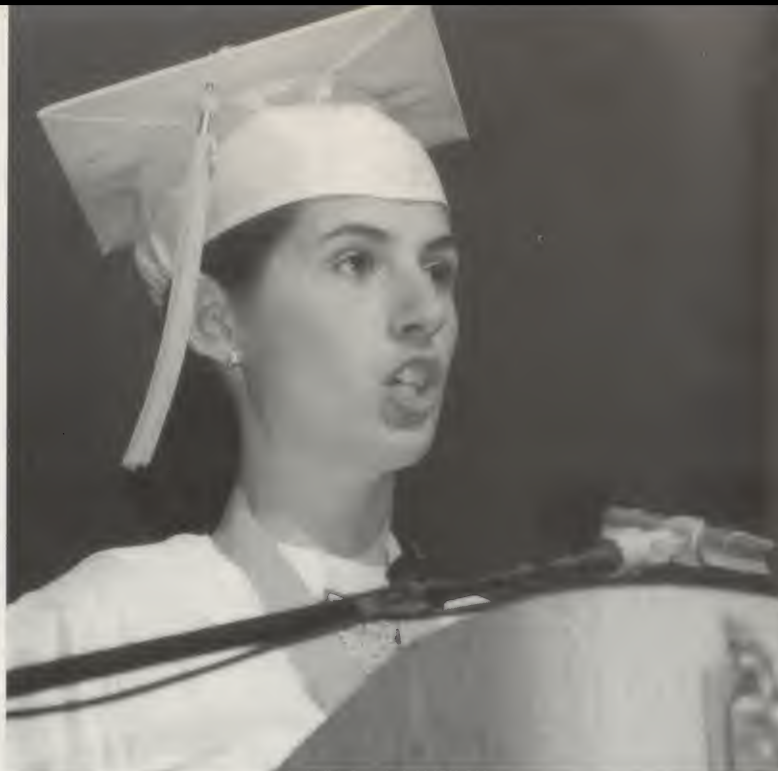
Some students even admitted that taking this class had helped them to understand some of the problems that they or their siblings had caused for their own parents. Other students said that they hoped the things they learned in the course would help them be better parents for their own children when that time comes.



**LEFT** Krsti Rouser and April Balash pay close attention to a video in their Parenting class. Numerous videos show examples of good parenting roles.

**ABOVE** Betty Barsley-Marra and her class welcome a small visitor. Students had a chance to learn about parenting first hand.

**UPPER RIGHT** Jamie Janowski returns to her seat as other students pay rapt attention the class discussion.



*After the turning of the tassels the Class of 1999 became the newest*

# Alumni

**P**omp and Circumstance was playing as the class of 1999 marched proudly into the Radisson Star Theater filled with parents and lots of tears as it finally sank in that this was the end. The last class of the Twentieth Century was graduating, but first there were the speeches.

Senior Class President Andy Draper provided some laughs saying, "I was voted class clown," after dropping a continuous feed computer paper that he joked was his speech. Kira Jo Scheub read the class poem which she had written.

Then came the presentation of the senior gift. In honor of the Pirate statue alumnus Eric Beale created, the Class of 1999 presented a pedestal so that the school mascot would greet guests to the school. Class vice president Mike Megyesi also presented the floral arrangement on the stage to retiring School Board Member Bud Christ in appreciation for all of his service to the school corporation.

Next was Salutatorian Kristina Berta's speech. She reminisced about her days at MHS remembering among other things Mr. Vermillion's face turning red when he was angry at his class. This drew a laugh from students and faculty alike who were aware of Vermillion's high standards for his students.

Valedictorian Juliana Klajich spoke of the future and not knowing what to write, like many teenagers writing speeches.

Finally, guidance counselor Dee Edgcomb stepped up to the microphone. She was the person the seniors had chosen for the honor over everyone else when their original featured speaker cancelled early in the spring.

Edgcomb told the seniors to stand up and turn around and thank their parents for bringing them to this point in their lives. After the seniors sat down, she continued to talk to them about how much they had accomplished and about the future.

At last the moment the seniors and their families had been waiting for finally arrived, the presentation of diplomas. One by one the students waited to hear their guidance counselor read their name before they walked across the beautifully decorated stage to be congratulated and handed their diploma by Superintendent of Schools Dr. Tony Lux.

After their pictures were taken, students were also congratulated by Principal Evelyn Ennsman. When everyone had returned to his seat, Ennsman addressed the class and went through the tassel moving ceremony.

Then as the balloons dropped, the Class of 1999 became alumni, and parents and friends moved to the front of the theater to offer their own congratulations and celebration.

—LISA FESKO

**OPPOSITE TOP** Juliana Klajich presents her Valedictory address to her peers. Klajich spoke about the future and what it might hold.

**BOTTOM LEFT** Julian Anaya and Marikko Anderson listen patiently to the speeches as they wait for their chance on the stage.

**BOTTOM RIGHT** Class vice president Mike Megyesi presents the class gift to retiring School Board member Bud Crist.

quiet **CHAOS**

SPRIT

PEOPLE



**MHS: Uniquely diverse**





**TIP NIGHT** Speech team members check the sheets for their scores. The group often traveled far enough to meet to find themselves on a bus at 5 a.m. on Saturday morning.

**BOTTOM RIGHT** Guidance secretary Debbie Zeiler alphabetizes progress reports before giving them to the correct guidance counselor.

**TOP** Antonio Gaines works to finish his science test.

**MIDDLE TOP** Joe Nora, one of the security personnel on duty at MHS, chats with a student outside of the Media Center.

**MIDDLE** Orchestra students get into the holiday spirit at their annual Christmas Concert. This year the orchestra was divided into two classes because of the growth in the program.

**MIDDLE BOTTOM** Softball coaches Amy Frink and Bob Bergeson meet to a play. Frink was one of Bergeson's former pitchers who has come back to coach with him.

**BOTTOM** Salutatorian Kristina Berra receives a bouquet of roses from her dad, Assistant Superintendent Mike Berra.

## *Faces show our diversity, from the camera shy to those who want to be in every picture.*

As the lazy days of late summer wound down, people filled the hallways at MHS preparing for another school year. Some of them were practicing for sports, others were at band camp, and still others were having their yearbook and ID picture taken. Freshmen came for Orientation and wandered the building looking lost, a look they lost after a few days of school.

Students had different focuses in their lives. Seniors were preparing for graduation. Juniors were getting ready to be seniors. Sophomores became upperclassmen, and freshmen began to worry about getting their drivers' license and three more years of school.

At MHS, we definitely had a diverse student body. We were a mixture of faces from different ethnic backgrounds and different cultures. We all brought our own unique personality to the mix. We each had our own goals, whether they were to graduate from high school or to become a neurosurgeon. We had students who were active in many sports and clubs, and students who rushed out the door straight to jobs or home responsibilities. No matter what our goals, we each contributed to making our school what it was.

—LISA FESKO



**Jenny Adams, Kyle Adams, Brandon Adamson, Cory James Adler, Gladys Alba**  
HEND 12.

**Willie Allen Jr.** Basketball 12, **Ben Ameling** Basketball 9, **Drama Club** 12, **Fall Play** 12, **Julian Anaya, Marikko Erin Anderson, Adam Antkiewicz,** Baseball 9; NHS 11, 12.

**Julia Arambula** Cross Country 12; FCA 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 11, 12. **Anna Arroyo** Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; CWC 12; FCA 9, FEA 12; FHA 12; Spanish Club 11, 12; Spanish Club Officer 12; Spellbowl Team 12; SADD 12; Media Service Aide 11, 12. **Jennifer Ashe, Janet B. Atakorah** Key Club 12, SADD 12, **Carissa Atkinson.**

**Justin Atwood, Tia Austin, Anthony Sebastian Azcona** Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Class Officer 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; French Club 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; Wrestling 9. **Ryan William Bailey** Cheerleading 12; Choir 9, 10, 11; Football 9, 10, 11; Show Choir 10, 11; Student Government 11, 12; Wrestling 9, 10, 11; Wrestling Captain 12. **Antonios Bairaktaris.**

**Shalie Balenger, Jared Ethan Bane** NHS 11, 12. **Dominic J. Banham, Lindsey Banks** Drama Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama Club Officer 10; Fall Play 9, 10, 12; PWN 12; Revue 11, 12; Show Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Speech Team 11, 12; Spring Musical 9, 10, 11, 12; Thespians 9, 10, 11, 12; Thespians Officer 10; Vocal Teens 12. **Gina Marie Bartolomeo** FEA 10, Newspaper 10, Pom Poms 9, 10, 11, 12, Yearbook 12.

**Michael Beechy, Nicole Beezhold** Choir 9, **Regina Bellmon** Debate 12, Drama Club Officer 11, Quest Club Officer 11, Revue 12. **Emmeline Benavides** Drama Club 1; German Club 12; Key Club 10; NHS 11, 12. **Quiana Jeton Bennett** Cheerleading 9; Choir 9, 10; Drama Club 9; Revue 9, 10; Track 9, 10; SADD 10.





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SENIORS

**OPPOSITE** Kyle Adams struts his stuff at the Turnabout Dance. Amanda Lucas and Jason Webb, Nate Lacny, and DeDe Knobbe are among the onlookers.

**BELOW** Antwayn Spencer and Anne Orzechowicz enjoy their lunches in the new section of the cafeteria. A new portion was added so the lunchroom would be less crowded.



## College **Exploring**

Every year it happened. People prepared for it, stressed about it, and then finally came to a decision. Yes, it was deciding what college to go to. It all started by taking the SAT or ACT. Those dreadful four hour tests seemed to put added stress on the whole college experience. Questions like, "Did I score high enough?" or "Will I get in with my scores?" ran through the minds of many college-bound students.

The next step towards college was making sure you had all your requirements for graduation. Seniors took certain classes to make the credit requirement for graduation. They also took classes to prepare themselves for college courses. Merrillville High School offered advanced placement classes. The classes allowed the student to receive college credit hours and avoid taking the class again later. Taking these classes was often beneficial.

Eric Stewart, '99, applied to a Tech Prep school in Arizona and was accepted. He was not stressing about college because he already knew what he wanted to do. Stewart is majoring in Auto/Diesel Technology.

Of course, many students looked at different things when they finally chose a college. Factors such as price, location, and majors and minors available played a key role.

Another aspect of searching for the perfect college and getting accepted there was the financial aide part. Many students took time out of passing periods and lunches to browse through scholarships in the guidance office. Guidance counselor Judy Hain was in charge of making the scholarships available to help out students.

Attending Financial Aide night on December 9th, where students and their parents received forms, and information about financial aid was important too. This was a big thing for the parents. If scholarships were not available, then students were still eligible for grants and loans.

The time to start exploring options was in your junior year. That saved on stress. Junior year was a good time to start looking for scholarships too.

### What college are you planning to attend, and why have you decided to go there?



I got six extra credit hours for college for Spanish at IUN. Spanish is what my major is.

—Veronica Stiles, '99

I want to go to Purdue Lafayette because it has the major I need, and I have always wanted to be a Boilermaker.

—Justine Wojcik, '99



**Beth Berry** (Hawthorn) (M) 10, SADD 11, Kristina Berta Academic/Electronics 11, 12, CWC 10, 11, 12, Drama Club 9, Environmental Club 11, 12, Fall Play 9, NHS 11, 12, NHS Officer 12, Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12, PNN 10, 11, 12, Revue 12, Soccer 10, SADD 10, 11, WPHS Productions 10, 11, 12, Academic Superbowl 9, 10, 11, 12, Vicki Bish Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, Basketball Captain 2, Softball 11, 12, Teacher's Aide 10, 11, 12, Ashley Bittner Key Club 10, Powder Puff 10, Teacher's Aide 12, Kids on the Block (Drama) 12, Sandra Bianco Choir 9, 10, 11, Bowler 9, 10, Teacher's Aide 9, Show Choir 10, 11, Evita Blondet Choir 9, 10, Debate 11, Powder Puff 10, Spanish Club 13, WPHS 9, 12



Tabitha Bolden (Tag Corp) 11, 12, Tag Corp Captain 12, Powder Puff 10, Speech 10, 11, 12, SADD 10, 11, 12, Virginia Bonilla Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Alonzo C. Booker (Cross Country) 12, Track 9, 10, 11, 12, Lisa Marie Bowen CPC 12, Choir 10, Drama Club 9, German Club 9, 10, Natural Helpers 9, 10, 11, 12, Revue 9, SAC 11, 12, Student Government 9, Student Government Officer 10, 11, 12, Student Trainer 11, 12, Swimming 10, M.C.S.S.A.C. 11, 12, Tim Branham, Lori Bratcher Office Aide 11, 12



Suzanne Brazlovitz FHA 9, 10, Teacher's Aide 12, Yearbook 12, Dustin Breeden, Blanca Luz Brenes Choir 11, 12, Key Club 11, 12, Office Aide 10, 11, Stacey Brooks Choir 9, Softball 9, Erica Janette Brown CPC 12, Office Aide 11, PNN 9, Powder Puff 10, Revue 12, SADD 11, 12, Student Government 11, 12, Teacher's Aide 12, Shelai L. Bryant BPA 12, Fall Play 10, Revue 12



Jason W. Bunnell Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, Key Club 11, 11, 12, Jaclyn Burns Choir 9, CWC 10, Shannon Cagle Color Guard 9, Quest 9, Quest Officer 10, Terri Camery Environmental Club 9, 10, Soccer 9, 10, 11, SADD 9, 10, Teacher's Aide 12, Tennis 10, 12, Nick Camisa, Dion Campbell Choir 9, Revue 10, 12



Nova Carden Band 9, 10, 11, NHS 11, 12, Pease Radio 10, 11, PNN 10, 11, Tiffany R. Carli Office Aide 9, 10, Teacher's Aide 9, 10, 11, Peer Tutor 10, 11, Jacqueline Cernak Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, CWC 10, 11, 12, Drama Club 9, 12, Fall Play 9, 10, 11, 12, FHA 10, FHA 10, Spring Musical 9, 10, 11, 12, Yu Jin Cha Teacher's Aide 12, Chris Charleston Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Student Government 9, Teacher's Aide 12, Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Pep Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Nadiyah Chisom Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, SADD 12, Revue 12



Debbie Choate, Ryann Christiansen, Jenny J. Chung FEA 10, 11, 12, French Club 9, 10, 11, 12, French Club Officer 11, 12, Homecoming Court 12, Natural Helpers 10, Pom Poms 9, 10, 11, Prom Committee 12, SADD 11, 12, Porscha S. Cobb Choir 9, 10, 11, Powder Puff 9, 10, Revue 9, 10, Teacher's Aide 11, 12, Track 12, Syreeta Cobb, Heather Coin



## What would you like to change about MHS?

I would want more pep rallies.

— Preston Thomas, '99

I wish the girls wore shorter skirts, we had a longer fall break, and a smoking area.

— Timothy Terry, '00

I wish we had a Commons, longer passing periods, and ten locker and bathroom passes a semester.

— Stacey Kavais, '02

I would like the hallways to be a little less crowded and also less homework.

— Laura Horwith, '01

I wish we had a nap time and a dance class.

— Paula Lopes, '99

I want school to start later, and everyone should have a study hall.

— Brian Yack, '02

I would change lunch to be off-campus, have a Commons back, longer passing periods, and have school start at 8:30.

— Jennifer Raytan, '99

I would want more room in the hallways and a shorter school day.

— Nicole Sweeney, '01

I would want the cameras to be gone, bigger lockers, and off-campus lunches.

— Sam Nuzzo, '00

A longer passing period so that I can talk to my friends and look at hot guys.

— Elena Gonzalez, '02

I wish the school would be respected more, and that it would also be a safer learning environment.

— Mark Rosenbalm, Faculty



**ABOVE** Maria Toledo and many of her fellow students sprint to the lunch line. Of course, the wait is not as long since they now have two new lines open. Still, the chance to get there first to get the best dessert is always a good reason to hustle.

**OPPOSITE** Lindsey Banks sings her heart out during a solo at the choir concert. Many of the students sing a solo or a duet to add entertainment to the concerts.



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SENIORS

## Complete

Classes at MHS require the student to concentrate on their studies and to learn.

## Focus

**BELOW** Dana Gombis, Nick Yack and Abbie Pordum read through the book in their AP Biology Class. Students take Advanced Placement classes that may help them earn future college credit if they pass the AP test given in the spring.



**ABOVE** Broadcast Journalism teacher, Chris Locken instructs Eric Pinnell on some of the new technology of the computers. The computer is used to help the advanced students edit the class show that they produce for weekend cable.

**Robin Conner.** Candice R. Cook (J), Key Club 12, Morning Announcer 12, Powder Puff 9, 10, Cheer Squad 11, SADD 11, Teachers Aide 11, 12, **Martin Costello.** Patricia M Coyne Teacher's Aide 10, **Dan Curtis** JETS 11, NHS 9, 10, NHS 11, 12



**Steve Cvetkoski** Basketball 9, NHS 11, 12, **Deema Dabis.** Brian J. Damion Debut 10, Football 9, Student Government 9, 10, Wrestling 10, **Sandy Damjanoski** IEA 11, 12, Hero 12, Homecoming Court, 2, Homecoming Princess 11, NHS 9, 10, NHS 11, 12, Prom Prom 9, 10, 11, 12, Q&S 11, 12, SADD 11, Student Government 11, 12, Yearbook 11, **Erica Davis** NHS 9, 10, NHS 11, 12, Powder Puff 10, Teacher's Aide 12, Yearbook 12



**David DeLeon** Baseball 9, Prom Court 11, **Violeta DelReal.** Ronald W. Dergo Jr. Cheer 11, 12, Drama Club 9, 10, 11, 12, Fall Play 11, Natural Helpers 11, 12, Revue 11, 12, Snow Choir 11, 12, Spring Musical 11, 12, SADD 11, 12, SADD Officer 11, Thespians 9, 10, 11, 12, Vocal Teams 11, 12, 13, Honors Program Alternate 11, **Jacqueline S. Dienes** Band 9, 10, 11, Environmental Club 11, Environmental Club Officer 11, Fall Play 9, Key Club 9, 10, Natural Helpers 10, 11, 12, Pirate Radio 9, 10, PNH 11, 12, Powder Puff 10, Track 9, WHHS Productions 9, 11, 12, Pto Band 9, 10, 11, Marching Band 9, 10, 11, **Elena Dimoska.**



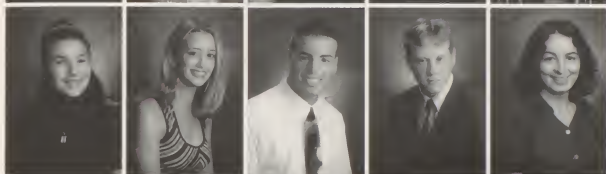
**Vasil Dimovski** Basketball 9, Football 9, 10, 11, Football Captain 12, Track 9, 10, 11, Track Captain 12, **Jon-Tomas Donahue.** Danielle Marie Dore Teacher's Aide 10, **Oliver Dorsleski** Soccer 10, 11, 12, **Robert D. Dowdy Jr.** Basketball 9, Newspaper 10, 11, Pirate Radio 12, PNH 12, Revue 12, Soccer 10, 11, 12, Teacher's Aide 12, Track 10, 11







**Andrew Scott Draper** *Student Body Officer*  
*Key Club* 11, *Football* 9, 10, 11, 12, *Varsity* 10, 11, 12, *Prom Committee* 11, *Prom King* 11, *SAC* 12, **Debra Ann Drobac** *Band* 9, 10, 11, 12, *French Club* 12, *NHS* 11, 12, *Pep Band* 10, 11, 12, *Academic Super Bowl* 11, 12, **Christa Ann Dziewicki**, **Josh Eastlee** *Football* 9, *Football Captain* 9, **Matthew E. Edwards** *Drama Club* 9, *HERO* 12, *Key Club* 9, 10, 11, 12, *Rev. Club Officer* 10, *Revue* 9



**Nouha El-Omar** *Band* 9, 10, 11, 12, **Cheryl Lynn Emmett** *Powder Puff* 9, 10, *Swimming* 10, *Teacher's Aide* 12, *Varsity* 9, 10, 11, 12, *Varsity Captain* 11, **David W. Everett** *Baseball* 9, 10, 11, 12, *Baseball Captain* 12, *Football* 9, 10, 11, 12, *Varsity* 9, 10, 11, 12, **Nicholas James Farabaugh** *Building Trades* 11, 12, *Football* 11, 12, *Newsprint* 6, *Teacher's Aide* 11, 12, *Varsity* 9, 10, 11, 12, **Yearbook 10, 11, 12, **Lisa Marie Farver** *Band* 9, 10, 11, 12, *CWC* 9, *Drama Club* 9, 10, 11, 12, *Drama Club Officer* 12, *Fall Play* 9, 10, 11, 12, *Germans Club* 12, *German Club Officer* 12, *Varsity* 9, 10, 11, 12, *Revue* 9, 10, 11, 12, *Speech Team* 9, 10, 11, 12, *Speech Bowl Team* 9, 10, 11, 12, *Spring Musical* 9, 10, 11, 12, *Teacher's Aide* 9, *Thespians Officer* 10, 11, 12, *Pep Band* 9, *Speech Team Officer* 10, 11, 12**



**Ryan David Fasel** *Baseball* 9, 10, 11, 12, *Cheerleading* 9, 10, 11, 12, *Varsity Club* 11, *NHS* 9, 10, 11, 12, **Lisa Renee Pesko** *Band* 9, 10, 11, 12, *CWC* 11, 12, *FOA* 10, 11, 12, *Varsity* 12, *Varsity Corp* 11, 12, *Varsity Corp Captain* 12, *Key Club* 10, 11, 12, *Pirate Radio* 9, 10, 11, 12, *PNN* 9, 10, 11, 12, *Powder Puff* 10, 11, 12, *Track* 9, 10, 11, 12, *Varsity* 11, 12, *Varsity Editor-in-Chief* 12, *Varsity* 11, 12, *Varsity Productions* 9, 10, 11, 12, *Varsity Producer* 11, 12, *Yearbook* 11, 12, *Yearbook Editor-in-Chief* 12, *Varsity Pages* 10, 11, 12, *Varsity Super Bowl* 12, 11, 12, *Pep Band* 9, 10, 11, 12, **Misty Ford**, **Marygrace Foster** *Varsity* 10, *Pom-poms* 10, 11, 12, **Patrick Foster** *FOA* 9, 10, 11, 12, *NHS* 11, 12



**Karl Fravel** *Varsity* 11, 12, *Key Club* 10, 11, 12, *Key Club Officer* 11, *Soccer* 9, 10, 11, *SADD* 10, **Atlantis T. Frost** *Band* 9, *CWC* 9, 10, 11, 12, *CWC Officer* 10, *French Club* 12, *Newsprint* 11, 12, *Varsity Editor-in-Chief* 12, *Q&S* 11, 12, **David Galovic Jr.**, **Tera Galovic** *Powder Puff* 9, *Quest Club* 9, 10, 11, 12, *Quest Club Officer* 10, *Yearbook* 12, *Office Ambassador* 9, **Valerie Garza** *Quest Club* 9



**Michelle Louise Gentry** *SADD* 11, 12, **Katrina George**, **Lisa Giboyeaux** *Varsity* 9, *Key Club* 9, *SADD* 11, 12, **Jolynese Glass** *Varsity* 11, 12, *Workstudy Program* 11, 12, *Varsity Ambassador* 11, **Shaile Glass** *Hero* 12



**Michael R. Gloriosio** *Academic Decathlon Team* 12, *Band* 9, 10, 11, 12, *CWC* 10, *Drama Club* 9, 10, 11, 12, *Drama Club Officer* 12, *Fall Play* 9, 10, 11, 12, *Newsprint* 11, 12, *Pirate Radio* 9, 10, *PNN* 10, *Revue* 10, 11, 12, *Speech Team* 11, 12, *Spring Musical* 9, 10, 11, 12, *Thespians* 9, 10, 11, 12, *Thespians Officer* 12, *Varsity Productions* 9, 10, *Pep Band* 9, 10, 11, 12, **Dana Gombus** *Cross Country* 11, 12, *Cross Country Captain* 12, *Morning Announcer* 11, 12, *NHS* 11, 12, *Natural Helpers* 9, 10, 11, 12, *Orchestra* 10, 11, 12, *Track* 9, 10, 11, 12, *Track Captain* 12, **Michael J. Gonzalez** *Soccer* 11, 12, **Priscilla T. Gonzalez** *Academic Decathlon* 12, *CWC* 11, 12, *Varsity* 10, 11, 12, *Varsity Radio* 10, *PNN* 10, *Prom Committee* 11, *SADD* 11, 12, *Student Manager* 11, *Varsity* 11, 12, *Varsity* 11, 12, *Varsity* 11, 12, *Varsity* 11, 12, **Keith Gouwens** *Baseball* 9, 10, 11, 12, *Football* 9, *Rethinking Committee* 9, 10, 11, 12, *Vocal Team* 9, 10, 11, 12

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SENIORS

**OPPOSITE** Patty Underwood enjoys being dipped by Joel Sanchez during a dance. Some girls like romantic gestures.

**BELOW** Julian Anaya closes his eyes during a break between classes. A couple of minutes rest refreshes some students so that they can stay awake in their next class.



## Only In **Your** Dreams

They happen to almost everyone. They were vivid, memorable, scary, or true to life. Dreams might have a lasting effect on a person. Some people believed their dreams symbolized future events in their life.

In some cases people planned their lives around their dreams. Sometimes a woman meets the "man of her dreams," or vice versa. They then tried anything to get that person to notice them.

Books were available that translated the meaning of dreams. For example, one book said that dreams meant the opposite of what they seemed to, if the dream was about a death then it signified a birth.

Sometimes people woke up from a nightmare in a cold sweat, screaming, or crying. A nightmare was a dream where something terrified the dreamer. They could be so vivid that the dreamer could not fall back to sleep or could not believe that it was just a dream. Sometimes mothers had nightmares involving their children, and they would check on them in the middle of the night to make sure that they were okay.

Ryan Marovich '99 said, "The scariest dream I ever had was when I woke up in my dream and there were spiders under the covers and all over me."

Some people dreamed that they are being chased and can not run or scream. Movies have been made about people who could not wake up from their nightmare, and their nightmare became true. Sometimes people dreamed they were falling, and they woke up right before they hit the ground. Larry Gutierrez, '99, said, "In my scariest dream, I was falling, and I did not wake up."

Others dreamed that they went to school without pants or forgot their schedule. Certain paranoid advanced composition students have had recurrent dreams that the computer lost their term paper the day before it was due.

Either way dreams played games with the minds of the dreamers. People might live in a totally different world in dreams than in real life. A little girl could be a princess in her dream, but in real life she might have been homeless. Everyone knew that dreams were just in the imagination. Or were they?

—Cheryl Emmett

### What is the strangest dream that you have ever had?



"In my weirdest dream I was driving, and a tornado picked up my car and threw me to an exotic land."

—Ryan Bailey, '99



"I had a dream that I crashed my red Camero into my best friend's blue Sunbird."

—Mike Kalogeras, '99



**Tiffany R. Greene** FFA 9, 10, 11, 12; Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12; SADD 12; Teachers Aide 12; **Kristina Gros** Environmental Club 12; Student Government 9, 12; Student Manager Boys Tennis 10; Teacher's Aide 12; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9; WPHS Productions 9; **Jennifer Lynn Grubb** Overloading 9; Choir 9, 10, 11; Golf 9; NHS 11, 12; Pom-Pom 10, 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 12; Yearbook 12; **Mike Gubitz** Soccer 10, 11; **Christina M. Guerrero** Choir 9, 10, 11; FEA 12; SADD 11, 12; Key Club 10; Pom-Pom 10, 11; Quess Club 10; **Kimberly J. Gut** HERO 12



**Crystal Gutierrez, Larry Gutierrez** Building Trades 11, 12; Football 9; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12; **Keilah Harris, Angela Harrison** Choir 9, 10; Drama Club 12; Track 11, 12; **Adam Thomas Hazlett** Academic Decathlon Team 11, 12; Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama Club 10, 11, 12; Fall Play 11, 12; Jazz Impact 9, 10, 11, 12; Newspaper 12; Office Aide 12; **Revue 10, 11, 12; Spring Musical 10, 11, 12; They plays 11, 12; Pep Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Jennifer Heine.**



**Don Hennessy** Cross Country 11; Cross Country Captain 12; Track 11; **Track Captain 12; Binika T. Henderson** Choir 9, 10; FEA 12; FHA 12; SADD 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Government 9, 10; **STEVEN Hernandez, Linda Isabel Hinojosa** Academic Decathlon Team 11, 12; Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 11, 12; Jazz Impact 11; NHS 9, 10; NHS 11, 12; NHS Officer 12; Powder Puff 10; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 11; Academic Superbow Captain 10, 11, 12; **Edgar Holmes III, Carrie Hoover.**



**Lateena Hubbard, David Huber, John Hunt, William Jackomis** Newspaper 12; **Sean Jackson, Amanda Jacobs.**



**Lattoya Jefferson** Basketball 9, 10; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Office Aide 12; Powder Puff 9, 10; Quess Club 12; SADD 10; Student Government 12; Teacher's Aide 10; **Traci A. Jelinek** CWC 12; Drama Club 11; FEA 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; Pirate Radio 11, 12; Pirate Radio Producer 12; PNN 11, 12; Powder Puff 9; Spanish Club 9, 11; Spanish Club Officer 10, 12; WPHS Productions 11, 12; Peer Mediator 9, 10; Peer Tutor 9, 10; **Alfred Johnson, Alice Johnson** BPA 12; Choir 9, 10; Spanish Club 9, 10; Teacher's Aide 9; **Revue 9, 10; Ayngela Johnson, Robyn Johnson.**



**Shernika Johnson** Office Aide 12; **Ursula Johnson, Justin Jones, Miranda Jones, Sarah A. Jones** Choir 9, 10; Fall Play 11; Key Club 12; Show Choir 11, 12; SADD 10; **Joe Juarez** Key Club 12; Newspaper 12

# quiet **CHAOS**

SENIORS

**OPPOSITE** The setting is set. Amanda Moloney and Mike Gloriosi enjoy the luau theme of the Homecoming Dance. They were given leis to go along with the theme.

**BELOW** Cold weather, black paint, and letters spelling out DEATHROW on their chests, friends of Billy Dimovski pay tribute to him at a home football game.



## How have you changed over the years you have been in high school?

I turned really serious over the years. Freshman year was easy, and now I have to study each subject every night. I have matured but have more stress now.

— Candi Long, '99

I have become more mature, and I think more before I do things.

— Kelissa Scott, '00

I have matured and learned who my true friends are. I have also learned not to be afraid to stand up for what I believe in.

— Sandra Blanco, '99

I have not changed, I wear the same clothes everyday, all the time

— Debbie Choate, '99

I don't hang around the same people. My friends have changed, and I work harder than before.

— Jennifer Sierra, '02

I am not as quiet and shy as I used to be. I talk more, and I have made more friends. Also, I'm more outgoing.

— Desiree Roman, '00

I haven't really changed because all I do is skate and hang out with my girlfriend.

— Jeremy Alder, '01

In junior high, I was never in a lot of sports. I finally figured out what I was missing.

— Kara Miller, '02

I became more handsome and I increased my intelligence.

— Ray Rogalski, '99

I have gotten better in baseball and became more intelligent in my decision making.

— Mike Koteles, '00

I have matured because of the people I hang around with.

— Ben Vera, '99





**Catherine Kaminski** Newspaper 11, 12; Trail 10, 11; **Tina Karamacoska** Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; NHS 9, 10, 11, 12; Snow Day 12; Yearbook 12; Velveteen 10, 11; **Heather Karczewski**, **Johnny Karson** Soccer 9; **Niki Kazonis** Powder Puff 9, 10; SADD 9, 10; Teacher's Aide 11; Yearbook 12



**Melissa Kelsey** Basketball 9, Key Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Pirate Radio 9; Powder Puff 9, Track 10; Volleyball 9; **Jodie Kendera** Choir 9; **James Keown**, **Melissa Kerns** Powder Puff 9, 10; **Karen Kerr** Choir 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 11



**Brian Kessler** Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Fall Play 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Pirate Radio 10, 11, 12; PNN 10, 11, 12; Revue 11, 12; Spring Musical 9, 10, 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 12; Theban 9, 10, 11, 12; WMS Productions 10, 11, 12; Pep Band 9, 10, 11; WMS Advisor 11, 12; **Charmelle King** Choir 9, 10; German Club 11; Powder Puff 9; SADD 9, 10; Student Government 11; **Gary King**, **Tracy Kleminski** Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10; Pep Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; **Joe Klippel** Baseball 9, 10, 11; NHS 11, 12; Natural Helpers 10; Office Aide 12; Teacher's Aide 12



**Ognjen Kijacic** Soccer 10, 11; **Juliana Kljajich** Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball Captain 12; NHS 9, 10, NHS 11, 12; **Kristy Komar** Key Club 9, NHS 11, 12; SADD 12; Teacher's Aide 11; **Erica Maria Koppers** Natural Helpers 10, 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 12; **Irina Korenevskaya** Drama Club 12; Foreign Exchange Program 12



**Craig Koves** Band 9, 10, 11, 12; FCA 11, 12; Pep Band 9, 10, 11, 12; **Chris Krcoski** Building Trades 11, 12; **Jonathan Kwiatkoski** Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Government 10; **Courtney Lamprecht** Band 9, 10, 11, 12; **Amy Lay**



**Aimee Lee** Powder Puff 10; SADD 10; **Dana Levitt** Pom-Pom 9, 10; Quest Club 10; **Richard P. Lile** Football 9, 11, 12; NHS 9; PNN 9, 10, 11, 12; WMS Productions Producer 12; **Tara Linde**, **Melissa Little**



**Rosanne Lloyd. Candi Nicole Erin Long** Academic Decathlon Team 10; ECAIO 11; Powder Puff 9; Spell Bowl Team 11; 12 **Paula Lopes. Jacquelyn Lopez. Amanda Lucas** Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Pirate Radio 9; Powder Puff 9, 10, 11, 12



**Betsy Lucas** French Club 9, 10, 11; NHS 11; 12; Natural Helpers 10; Pom-Pom 9, 10, 11, 12; Softball 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 12 **Melissa Lucassen. Mandy L. Lucious** HERO 12; MCATT 10; Office Aide 10; Powder Puff 9, 10; Revue 9, 10, 11; Speech Team 11; Teacher's Aide 9, 11; Track 10 **Laura Luevano** Cheerleading 10; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Queen 12; Natural Helpers 9; Office Aide 11, 12; Prom Queen 11; Show Choir 1, 12 **Kimberly Lux** Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; Show Choir 11, 12; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12



**Neil Lux** Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12 **Jennifer Lyles** Spanish Club 11, 12; Spanish Club Officer 12; Speech Team 12 **Rodney Mabon. Sonya Mabon. Leslie M. Mackowiak** Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Environmental Club 11; Powder Puff 9, 10; Tennis 10, 11, 12; Pep Band 9, 10, 11, 12



**Matthew Magurany. Sarah Magurany. Kari Jo Majkowski. Afrodite Makarounas** Yearbook 11, 12 **Monica R. Malocha** HERO 11; Office Aide 9, 10, 12; Powder Puff 9



**Katrina R. Mandich** Basketball 9; HERO 12; Powder Puff 9, 10; Teacher's Aide 11, 12; Volleyball 10, 11, 12 **Kevin Manning. Michael Maple. Jason Marcus** Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9; Office Aide 12; Revue 11; Peer Mediator 11, 12; Jazz Impact 9, 10, 11, 12; Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12 **Ryan Nicholas Marovich** Golf 10, 11; NHS 9, 10; Teacher's Aide 12



**Michael Marquez. Dave Marsee. Linda Ann Martinez** Basketball 9; Choir 9; NHS 11, 12; Powder Puff 9, 10; SADD 10; Student Manager Boy's Soccer 10, 11 **Nikki Martinez** Office Aide 10, 11 **Sara Martinez** Basketball 9, 10; Powder Puff 10; Student Manager Baseball 10; Teacher's Aide 12





**Kim Maud, Thomas Mauman** Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama Club 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Planning Announcer 9, 10; JNHS 10, 11, 12; MHS Productions 10, 11, 12; **Shannon Mc Cann** Choir 9, 10; **Amanda Susan Mc Connell** Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Urans Club 12; FEA 9, 10; German Club 10; Key Club 12; Show Choir 10, 11, 12; **Jaclyn Mc Cord**.

**Brandy L. Mc Coy** Natural History 10; Office Aide 11, 12; SADD 10; CGE 12; **Chanelle Denise Mc Daniel** Choir 9, 10, 11; FEA 11; Office Aide 10; Revue 10; Show Choir 10; SADD 9, 10, 11; SADD Officer 11; **Casey Mc Kenney** Key Club 12; Yearbook 11; **Ginnie Mc Knight** Cross Country 11; Debate 11; Powder Puff 10; Speech Team 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Hooper Girls' State 11; Sophomore Program Representative Purdue 10; **Kathleen M. McMullin** Basketball 9; Choir 9; Powder Puff 9, 10.

## SAT's / ACT's And College

Why did you take SAT's and ACT's? Everyone had the same answer, "to get into college." However, everyone who took the SAT and/or the ACT did not end up going to college. SAT's basically recorded the progress you made and the skills you obtained in school.

Most colleges will not accept a student unless they took one, or both, of these tests. Yet taking the test was not enough, the student must pass the test.

Opinions varied on how hard the tests were. Jon Rybicki said that the tests were not that hard at all, and Lattoya Jefferson claimed it was just like taking the CTBS test.

A lot of people thought that it would be easier to get into the college of their choice if the tests were not required. But, they admitted some colleges would be over populated and it would be twice as hard to learn anything in those big classes.

Other people believed students should not have to take the SAT or ACT to get into college. They said that the only test students should have to take to enter college was the placement test, so colleges would know what level of classes the students should be in.

If you were a student who planned to go to college, you took and passed one of the two tests to get accepted.

If you planned on going further in your education but not taking the SAT or the ACT, there was one other option: technical college. Some technical colleges were not worried about your test scores; they were just worried about what you could do in the field you planned to make your career. Some technical colleges only focus on the career of your choice. Therefore, you would not have to take any English, algebra, geometry, or history classes. However, the degree the students would receive would only be an Associates' Degree. That could be good and bad.

The reason it could be good was that you would not have to go through general education classes, and you will graduate faster. The bad thing about this would be that if you decided that you wanted to go to college later, you will have to start from the beginning. What would you rather do, take SAT's or ACT's or go to a technical college?

### Do you think the SAT/ACT should be the main focus when getting into college?



"No, because a lot of people are stressed when they have to take big tests. If they are stressed, they will not do as well."

—Joshua White, '99

"No, because everyone is not good at taking tests. Colleges should focus only on what a student has achieved throughout school not one test."

—Binika Henderson, '99



**Monique Meadows** Band 9, 10, 11, 12, GWC  
 Drama Club 9, Newspaper 10, PHS Club 9, 10  
**Michael Megyesi** Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, CFA  
 12, Football 9, 10, 11, 12, Football Captain 12, CFA  
 Vice 9, SADD 11, Student Government 11, 12,  
 Teacher's Aide 12 **Mike Mersot** German Club 11  
 12, JETS 12, NHS 11, 12, Tennis 9 **Crystal  
 Meyer.** Kevin Meyer. Dana Miller.



**Steven Minchuk** Building Trades 11, 12, Class Of  
 ficer 12, Football 10, 11, Student Government 12  
**Nicole Minskey** Teacher's Aide 12 **Mike  
 Mitchell** Football 9, 10, 11, 12, Teacher's Aide 10  
**Wesley Mitchell.** Nora Mizsel basketball  
 11, Foreign Exchange Program 12, **Jennifer Lyn  
 Mola** Cheerleading 9, Cheerleading Captain 9, Home-  
 coming Court Football 12, Homecoming Princess Basketball  
 11, Prom-Poms 10, 11, 12, Prom Committee 11, Prom  
 Court 11, Teacher's Aide 12, Yearbook 12



**Amanda Moloney** Academic Decathlon 12, Band  
 9, 10, 11, 12, French Club 11, 12, French Club Officer 12,  
 Jari Impact 9, 10, 11, 12, NHS 11, 12, NHS Officer 12,  
 Revue 11, 12, Speech Team 11, 12, Academic Super Bowl 9,  
 10, 11, 12, Pro Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Marching Band 9, 10,  
 11, 12 **Danielle Moore** JETS 11, NHS 11, 12, Soc-  
 cer 9, 10, 11, Soccer Captain 12, Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12  
**Chris Morawska** Soccer 9 **Nicole  
 Murray.** Dragan Muvceski. Omar  
 Nasir.



**Paul Navarro** Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, Football 9, 10,  
 11, 12 **Ramona Navarro** Choir 9 **Nicole  
 Nelson** Soccer 9, 10, 11, Teacher's Aide 12 **Nicole  
 M. Nelson.** April Nichols. Natasha A.  
 Nixon Natural Helpers 10, 11



**Ben Nnadi** Art Club 12, Basketball 10, French Club 12,  
 Revue 10 **Mark William O'Brien** Academic  
 Decathlon 11, 12, German Club 10, 11, German Club Of-  
 ficer 12, JETS 11, 12, NHS 11, 12, Quiz Bowl Team 10, 11,  
 12, Super Quiz Team 9, 10, 11, 12 **Heather Oaks**  
 Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12, Rouser Bull 10, Science Olympiad  
 9, 10 **Adam Ohlenkamp** Key Club 10, NHS  
 9, Natural Helpers 11 **David Orgon.** Anne  
 Orzechowicz.



**Steve Packovski** NHS 11, 12, Soccer 10, 11, 12  
**Nadine Padilla.** Samantha Palmateer  
 Quest Club 12 **Stephanie Palmateer** Choir 9,  
 10, Office Aide 9, 10, 12, Quest Club 12 **Steve  
 Passaloukos** Football 9, 10, 11, 12 **Angela  
 Pavlish** FHA 10, 11, 12, Key Club 9, 10, 11, 12, Office  
 Aide 9, 11, Pirate Radio 9, 10, PJNI 10, Swimming 10, 11,  
 12, Teacher's Aide 9, 10, 11, 12, WPHS Productions 9, 10,  
 11, 12.



### What is your curfew? Why is it that?

11:00, because that is what Merrillville's Curfew is for teenagers under 18.

— Missy Kelsey, '99

11:00, depending on where I am at.

— Mandy Elser, '02

9:30, because I hang out with the "Bad Seed."

— Meredith Lucas, '01

12:00, because I don't pay attention to my other curfew.

— Maria Partes, '00

Usually it is 12:00 because my dad worries too much.

— Linda Martinez, '99

11:00, because that is just the time I have to be home.

— Jake Lashenik, '02

I never go home because my parents don't care.

— P.J. Brasovan, '00

Anywhere till 4:00 a.m., because it depends on what mood my parents are in.

— Ryan Jezuit, '00

Anytime because my parents trust me.

— Kevin Stewart, '01

I have no curfew because I am 18 years old.

— Danny Koroskosi, '99

None, because I just have to call and check-in.

— Jason Giordano, '02

10:00, because they feel I don't need to be out after that.

— Josh Harris, '01

1:00 a.m. because my parents won't worry much.

— Tameka Stegall, '99



**ABOVE** Candy Long entertains her lunch table friends Irina Korenevskaya and Melissa Hansbury. Irina is a foreign exchange student from Belarus.

**OPPOSITE** Kim Lux and Kasie Zweig sing a rendition of "O Holy Night" during the Christmas Choir Concert.



# quiet **chaos**

SENIORS

## Extra

The bell rings and some club or other activities begin their practice or learning.

## Activities

**BELOW** Tiffany Greene stands up and takes a bow during one of the Christmas concerts. Orchestra holds after school rehearsals around the times of concerts. They even have concerts they have to come back to school for



**ABOVE** Dave Huber and Anthony Azcona competed in French Day at Valparaiso. French teacher Irene Spiro encouraged third and fourth year students to take part in this Jomee Francaise or French Journey. Jena Ashe won a trophy at this event.

**Denishyidun Pearson.** Terra Pearson  
FCA 9, 10, 11, 12; Key Club 12; MCAT 10; Orchestra 9,  
10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10; Spanish Club 10, 11, 12; Span-  
ish Club Officer 10, 11, 12; Speech Team 11, 12; Student  
Government 10. **Jennifer Pedroza** Cheerleading  
9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Varsity 10, 11, 12.  
**Kirk**  
**Petty.** Eric Pinnell Key Club 11, 12; NHS 11, 12;  
NHS Officer 12; Office Aide 10; Private Radio 9, 10, 11, 12;  
PNN 9, 10, 11, 12; Swimming 10; Teacher's Aide 9, 10,  
11, 12; WHHS Productions 9, 10, 11, 12; WHHS Producer  
10, 11, 12.



**Sarah Plukas** HERO 11, 12; **Maia Podboj** For-  
eign Exchange Program 12. **Anna Ponce** Key Club  
12; Student Government 11, 12. **Melissa Powers**  
Band 9, 10, 11, 12; FCA 9, 10, 11, 12; Key Club 9; German  
Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Spellbook Team 10, 11, 12; SAC 9, 10,  
Swimming 10. **Derek Previs.**



**Jennifer Lynn Purevich** Choir 9, 11, 12; CWC  
10, 11, 12; CWC Officer 10; Drama Club 9, Environmental  
Club 10, 11, 12; Fall Play 9; FCA 11; FEA 10, 11, 12; Private  
Radio 9; PNN 9; Quest Club 10, 11, 12; Quest Club Officer  
11, 12; Teacher's Aide 11, 12. **Svenja Rahe** Drama  
Club 12; German Club 12; Foreign Exchange 12.  
**Riannon Ramos** Choir 9, 10; Gymnastics 10, 11,  
12; Pom-Pom 9, 10, 11; Spanish Club 12; SADO 12; Stu-  
dent Government 11; Teacher's Aide 12; Peer Helper 12.  
**Jessica Randolph** HERO 12; Powder Puff 9, 10.  
**Ian Edward Marino Rausel** HERO 12; Academic Death-  
con 11, 12; Choir 9, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; JETS 12;  
NHS 11, 12; Quiz Bowl 11, 12; Show Choir 10, 11;  
Teacher's Aide 12; Academic Super Bowl Team 11, 12.



**Julius Reed.** Brandi Latrice Reid Choir  
9, 10, 11; FHA 12; French Club 12; Revue 10, 11, 12;  
SADO 10, 11, 12; Student Government 9, 10; Varsity  
10, 11. **Emily Rosanne Reilly** Band 9, 10, 11,  
12; FHA 11, 12. **Jeff Remenius.** Mike  
**Reyna** Building Trades 11, 12; Office Aide 12.







**Tracy Richmond** Teacher's Aide 10, 11, 12, Work Study 11, 12  
**Wally Riddle** Goe  
**Risteviski** Environmental Club 12, Orchestra 9, 10  
 Student Government 12, Yearbook 12  
**Deanne Rivera**, **Omar Rivera**.

**David Rodriguez**, **Ray Rogalski** Football 9, 10, 11, 12, Teacher's Aide 10, 11, 12, Track 9, 10, 12, Wrestling 9, 12  
**Jeff Rosenwinkel** Football 9, 10, German Club 10, 11, 12, GAPP 11  
**Whitney Lauren Ross** Quest Club 11, 12, Quest Club Officer 12, Student Government 10, 11, 12, Peer Mediator 11, 12  
**Brad Roy** Swimming 10, 11, 12, Swimming Captain 11, 12, Teacher's Aide 12

**April M. Ruiz** Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12  
**Rodney A. Russell III** Basketball 9, Drama Club 11, Office Aide 10, Student Manager Basketball 10  
**Jon Rybicki** Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Environmental Club 11, German Club 10, JETS 11, NHS 11, 12, SADD 10, 12, Pep Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Mating Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Jazz Band 11, 12  
**Angela Sajdera** FEA 9, Key Club 12, 11, NHS 11, 12, Tennis 9, **Marixa Samuels** SADD 9, 10

**Cesar Sanchez** Office Aide 10, 11, 1, Track 10  
**Jason Sanchez** Building Trades 11, 12, Football 9, 10  
**Joel M. Sanchez** NHS 9, 10, NHS 11, 12, Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12, Soccer Captain 10, Track 10, 11, 12, FJ History Program 12  
**Nicole M. Sanchez**, **Matthew Scegiel**.

**Kira Jo Scheub** Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, Choir 9, 10, CWC 12, FEA 9, 10, 11, 12, Golf 9, 10, NHS 9, 10, NHS 11, 12, Office Aide 11, SAC 12, SADD 10, 11, 12, Student Government 12, Teacher's Aide 11, Peer Mediators 11, 12  
**Daniel Jared Schiefer** Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12, Baseball Captain 12, Football 9, SADD 11, Student Government 9, 10, 11, 12, Wrestling 9, 10  
**Michelle Schreiner** Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, Drama Club 10, 11, 12, Drama Club Officer 12, Fall Play 10, 11, 12, German Club 9, 10, 11, 12, German Club Officer 12, NHS 9, 10, NHS 11, 12, Natural Helpers 10, 11, 12, Show Choir 10, 11, 12, Spring Musical 0, 11, 12, Thespians 10, 11, 12, Thespians Officer 12  
**Kelaiah Scott** Key Club 12, SADD 12, Student Government 12, Ambassador 12  
**Ryan Scott**.

**Michael Patrick Sell** Baseball 10, 12, Basketball 9, 10, 11, Football 9, 10, 12, Football Captain 9  
**Taria Nicole Selmon** Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Drum Major 11, 12, FEA 12, Powder Puff 10, SADD 10, 11, 12, Pep Band 10, 11, 12  
**Scott Sharp**, **Teena Marie Shelby** Choir 9, Key Club 10, Student Government 9, 10, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12  
**Megan Lea Shelton** Key Club 10, 11, 12, Newspaper 12, Pirate Radio 10, 11, PHN 10, 11, Q & S 10, 11, 12, Q & S Officer 12, Teacher's Aide 9, 11, WHHS Productions 10, 11, 12, WHHS Production Producer 11, Yearbook 10

**Elizabeth Sherwood** Choir 8, 10; MCAT 8  
Natural Helpers 10; Teacher's Aide 10  
**Christina Rose Shukitis** Environmental Club 12; NHS 11, 12  
Student Government 10, 11, 12; Student Government Officer 12; Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; Swimming Captain 12  
Teacher's Aide 12  
**Shanna Lynn Sigman** FHA 10, 11; FHA Officer 10; Newspaper 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 9, 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 12  
**Dawn Simanson** CWC 12; Newspaper 10, 12; Girls Varsity Basketball Student Manager 12; Tennis 9, 10  
**Jason Sims** ICA 11, 12; Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9  
**Nick Skalba** Teacher's Aide 11, 12

**Anja Smith**, **Glen Edward Smith** IRTS 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 12; Swimming 10, 11, 12; Swimming Captain 12; Teacher's Aide 12  
**Charles Smoljan** Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9; Choir 9; Football 9; NHS 11, 12; Natural Helpers 10, 11, 12; Office Aide 11; Basketball Student Manager 11; Teacher's Aide 10  
**Catherine Bridget Snelson** Band 9, 10, 11, 12; NHS 10, 11, 12; Newspaper 10, 11; Pirate Radio 9, 11; Key Club 10, 11, 12; Q & S Officer 11, 12; WHHS Productions 9, 10; Yearbook 10, 11, 12; Yearbook Editor-in-Chief 11, 12; Marching Band 9, 12; Pep Band 9, 10, 11, 12  
**Heidi Snow** Band 12; Powder Puff 9, 10; SADD 11; Teacher's Aide 12  
**Michael Sopko** Choir 9, 10, 11; Soccer 10, 11, 12; Soccer Captain 12

**Amanda M. Sovich** Cheerleading 11, 12; Class Officer 12; Class Officer 12; Class Officer 12; NHS 9, 10; NHS 9, 10; Q & S 10, 11, 12; Snow Choir 10; SADD 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 11  
**Adam Sparacino**, **Antwayn Spencer** Football 9, 10, 11, 12  
**Jorie Spinks**, **Melissa Squyres** Band 12; Basketball 9; Softball 9; Teacher's Aide 11  
**Melissa Kim St. Clair** Class Officer 10; Powder Puff 10; SADD 12; Student Government 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Government Officer 11, 12; Swimming 10, 11  
Teacher's Aide 12

**Sureleen Stage**, **Jennifer Stallkamp**, **Aaron Standifer**, **Sara Staniszewski** Teacher's Aide 9  
**Demetra D. Stath** Class Officer 10, 11; CPC 12; Environmental Club 11, 12; JVWC Club 12; NHS 9, 10; NHS 11, 12; Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12; PNN 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 12; Speech Team 9, 11; SAC 11, 12; SADD 10, 11, 12; SADD Officer 11, 12; Student Government 9, 10, 11, 12; Boy's Tennis Student Manager 11, 12; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10  
**Tameka Stegall** Class Officer 9; Choir 9, 10; Homecoming Court Basketball 10; Powder Puff Football 10; Revue 9; Spellbook Team 9, 10; Student Government 9, 10

**Steve Steininger** Football 11, 12; Office Aide 12; Quest Club 12; Teacher's Aide 12  
**Joseph Stevens** NHS 11, 12; Newspaper 12; Photography 11, 12; Q & S 12  
**Eric Stewart** Wrestling 9, 10, 12  
**Veronica Stiles** Key Club 11; Key Club Officer 12; Office Aide 11; Prom Committee 11; Teacher's Aide 11, 12; Honors Program Spain 11  
**Derek Stompor**, **Jennifer Marie Street** Art Club 11; CPC 10; Environmental Club 12; Fall Revue 12; Key Club 10, 11, 12; Pirate Radio 11, 12; PNN 11; Prom Committee 11; Revue 12; Spanish Club 12; Spring Musical 12; SADD 10, 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 12; Writing Productions 11; Superlatos 10, 11

**Sara Stupic** Band 9, 10, 11, 12; FHA 10, 11, 12; Drum Major 11, 12  
**Paul Suleski** Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 10, 11, 12  
**Nina Sujavac**, **Kyle Swims**, **Rachael Szany** Art Club 12; Rag Corp 11; Officer Aide 10  
**Thomas Szot**





**OPPOSITE** Rianon Ramos, laughs proudly after sticking her landing on her routine on the bars. Ramos was the only senior on the team this year.

# quiet CHAOS

SENIORS

**BELOW** Seniors congregate in the area that once was the Commons. This is a gathering place for many friends during passing period including Jennifer Pedroza and Ben Nhadi.



## Back Then **AND NOW**

Have you ever sat back and laughed with your friends about the style of clothes or phrases you used back in the day? The road of trends has been a route that many students have followed since the sandbox days. Nobody could forget the carefree days when you and your friends tuned into episodes of "He-Man" or "Woody Woodpecker" while sipping away on your Hi-C juiceboxes. Those were the carefree days when all you cared about was playing with your toys all day and staying up past your bedtime at night because you were too afraid that you would miss something.

Now teens can't get enough of shows like "Dawson's Creek" and "Felicity." The shows popular now related to a lot of the problems teens face today. Another show that became very popular was "South Park." It was a cartoon that made an impact on many of today's teens.

Some of the funniest memories may be of your past attire such as hightops, sweatpants to your knees, doubling your socks with a different color, and tight-rolling their jeans. Now people wore baggy jeans or flare jeans. Clothes changed just as quickly as brand names did. Popular brands like Tommy Hilfiger and Calvin Klein have stolen the limelight from previous brand names such as Cross Colors and IOU.

For only the daring, body piercings and tattoos are now the rage. This was far more serious than the side ponytails most girls used to sport.

For the more conservative students, coffee and book shops like Barnes and Noble were now more attractive hangouts.

But what about our automobiles? While kids of our generation are cruising around in Mustangs and Camaros and admiring cars such as the new VW bugs. We could not forget the wheels of the 80's like the Pinto or the Impala.

Not surprisingly, music had a new face too. Flip through the radio and you won't hear artists such as Vanilla Ice or New Kids on the Block. You heard alternative and hip-hop groups such as The Dave Matthews Band and Wu-Tang. These new music styles took over the music industry.

From toys to movies, the list of "Now and Then's" could go on forever. But remember the trends of the 90's, because ten years from now, you and your friends might have more to sit back and laugh at.

—JENNIFER GRUBB

### What is a trend that use to be popular and now is laughed at?



"I used to wear my jeans tight-rolled while I played with Steve Passaloukos. He would always call me 'Wandy.'"

-- Andy Draper, '99

"I used to wear my hair in a side ponytail and watch 'Rainbow Bright.'"

-- Kari Jo Majkowski, '99



**Mary Tagg** Environmental Club 9, Key Club 11  
**Dame Tanaskoski, Katie Taylor**  
 Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12, Choir 9, 10, Homecoming  
 Court 9, NJHS 9, 10, NH 11, 12, Natural Helpers 10, 11,  
 12, Show Choir 9, SADD 10, 11, Teacher's Aide 11, 12  
**Danielle Thames** Powder Puff 9, 10, Student Gov-  
 ernment 9, 10, Career Center Marketing 11, 12  
**Elizabeth Ann Thien** CPC 12, Choir 9, 10,  
 CWC 10, 12, Drama Club 9, Golf 9, NJHS 9, 10, Natural  
 Helpers 10, Revue 12, SADD 9, 10, 11, Soccer Student  
 Manager 10, 11, Wrestling Student Manager 10

**Preston Thomas** Basketball 10, 11, 12, Basketball  
 Captain 12, Prom Court 11, Teacher's Aide 12  
**Cheyenne Thornley, Melissa Tillman,**  
**Chavonny Tillotson, Maria Toledo** Or-  
 chestra 9, 10, 11, 12, Croj's Countess 9, 10, 11, 12

**Sean Tomondi** Cross Country 10, 11, 12, Track 9,  
 10, 11, **Christina D. Towry** Choir 9, 10, 11, 12,  
 Drama Club 9, 10, 11, 12, Drama Club Officer 12, Fall Play  
 9, 10, 11, 12, Revue 12, Science Olympiad 10, 11, 12,  
 Spring Musical 9, 10, 11, 12, Student Director Fall Play 12,  
 Thespians 10, 11, 12, Thespians Officer 12, **Kimberly**  
**Traficanti, John Trama, Jeremy**  
**Trimble** Golf 9, 10, 11, Golf Captain 12

**Stacey Joy Trock** Choir 9, 10, French Club 12,  
 Newspaper 12, SADD 12, **Michael Tucker,**  
**Romel Turner, Teviss Turner** Band 9, 10, 11,  
 12, **Patricia J. Underwood** Homecoming  
 Court Football, Pom Poms 9, 10, 11, Pom Poms Captain 12,  
 Prom Court 11, Revue 12, Spanish Club 10

**Marisa Ann VanVolkenburgh** Cheerleading  
 10, Drama Club 9, 11, Key Club 9, 10, 11, 12, Key Club Of-  
 ficer 10, 11, 12, Natural Helpers 10, Office Aide 12, Pow-  
 der Puff 9, 10, SAC 11, 12, Student Government 9, 10, 12,  
 Teacher's Aide 2, Tennis 9, Yearbook 11, **Greg**  
**Vareila, Christina Marie Vargo** Choir 9,  
 10, Key Club 11, Snow Choir 10, Swimming 9, Teacher's  
 Aide 11, **Jeremy D. Vasaitis, Elena**  
**Vasilakis.**

**Michael R. Vaughan** Academic Decathlon 11, 12,  
 Drama Club 9, 10, 11, Fall Play 9, Key Club 9, 10, 11, 12,  
 Key Club Officer 11, 12, NH 11, 12, Natural Helpers 10,  
 11, 12, Quest Club 12, Spring Musical 9, Teacher's Aide 11,  
 12, Thespians 10, 11, 12, Academic Super Bowl 10, 11, 12  
**Bruce Anthony Vazquez, Carisa**  
**Venegas, Benancio Vera** Baseball 9, 10,  
 Swimming 9, **Nick Vlahos.**







Ahmad A. Wahdan Soccer 12 Angela M. Wahlman German Club 9; Soccer 9 10 11 12  
SADD 9 10 12, Track 12, Yearbook 12 Joshuauna Walker BPA 12, Newspaper 12, Powder Puff 9 10  
Hon. Committee 12; Revue 12, SADD 12 Kareem Ward Baseball 10 Allison Watts SADD 10



**Jason Webb.** Jennifer J. Webster Choir 9, German Club 9; Office Aide 1, Softball 9, 10, 11, 12, SADD 9, 10, 12, Teacher's Aide 12, Volleyball 9, 10, Yearbook 12. **Jessica Welch.** Shannon Wells Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, Basketball Captain 2, NHS 11, 12, Teacher's Aide 10, 12, Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12, Volleyball Captain 11, 12. **Gina Welsh** Band 9; Basketball 9, 10, Key Club 11, NHS 11, Teacher's Aide 12, Academic Super Bowl 11, 12.



**Jeanette West** FHA 10, 11, 12, HERO 12  
**Kami West** Band 9, Basketball 11, 12; FCA 9, 10, 11, 12; SAIDD 12; Teacher's Aide 11; Volleyball 9, 10, 11  
**Jason A. White** FHA 10  
**Joshua White** Basketball 9  
**Keith White** Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9



**Kristina White** Key Club 9; Natural Helpers 10 11  
 12 Office Aide 9, Teacher's Aide 9 **Lawanda**  
**Wiggins, Delrick Williams** Band 9 10, 11  
 12, Basketball 9 10 CWC 11 Football 9 10 11 12, Trade  
 9 10, 11 12 **Winston Williamson,**  
**Kristian Willis** Football 9 10 11 12



**Eugene Wilson II** Bassist 9, 10, 11, 12; Bassist/producer 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball MVP 11; **Kellie Wilson, Melissa Jane Wilson** Band 9, 10, 11; Drama 9, 10, 11; Fall Play 10; Flag Corps 11; Natural History 10, 11, 12; Private Radio 9, PNN 9, 10, Powder Puff 10, Q, S & T, 10, 12, WMHS Productions 9, 10; Pep Band 9, 10; Marching Band 9, 10; **Justine Teresa Wojcik** Basketball 9, 10; Basketball Manager 12; Cross Country 2; GAPP 9, 10; GAPP 9, 10; GAPP 9, 10; GAPP 9, 10; GAPP 9, 10; Orchestra 9, 10, 12; Private Radio 9, 10, 11, 12; Radio Sports Editor 11, PNN 9, 11, 12; Powder Puff 9; Softball 9, 10, 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 11; WMHS Productions 9, 10; **Robert Edward Wojcik** Academic Degree 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9; German Club 10, 12; German Club Officer 11, 12; Morning Announcer 11; Quiz Bowl 11, 12; SADD 11, 12; Private Radio 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Track Captain 12, 12; Band 10, 11, 12; Pep Mediator 11, 12; Marching Band 12.



**Jessica Wright** Office Aide 12, Teacher's Aide 10  
 11: Volleyball 9, 10, 11 **Nick Yack** Baseball 9, 10, 11  
 12: Basketball 9; Football 9, 10, 11 12: Football Captain 12  
 NHS 11, 12; Prom Court 12 **James Zapinski**  
 Chor 9, 10, 11, 12; CWC 10, 11, 12 **Nada Zazel**  
 SADD 10, Teacher's Aide 9 **Kasie Zweig** Chor 9,  
 10, 11, 12; Drama Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Fall Play 9, 11, 12;  
 NJHS 9, 10; NHS 11, 12; Show Choir 10, 11, 12; Spring  
 Musical 9, 10, 11, 12; Thespians 11, 12; Vocal Teams 11, 12



Hansen Abdallah

Aria Adams  
Justin Adams  
Randy Alderson  
Kathy Alexander  
Nicole Allen  
Nicholas Alston  
Danna Anderson  
Jacco Argenta  
Chveda Arnen

Angela Austin  
Fremel Backus  
James Bankbridge  
April Balash  
Morris Bankston  
Edward Bankstale  
Clyde Barnes  
Armond Baskin  
Carly Berdine  
Blythe Berrio

Donald Bish  
Pavel Biogoyevski  
Ricky Bobos  
Ryan Bobowsky  
Jacinta Boger  
Ebony Bond  
Kelly Bowen  
Dana Bozeman  
Joshua Bradley  
Mary Brake

Philip Brascovan  
Marco Bravo  
Jennifer Bronowski  
Anthony Brown  
Joe Brown  
Jonathan Brown  
Nicole Brown  
Shailek Brown  
Renée Bryant  
Kelly Buckner

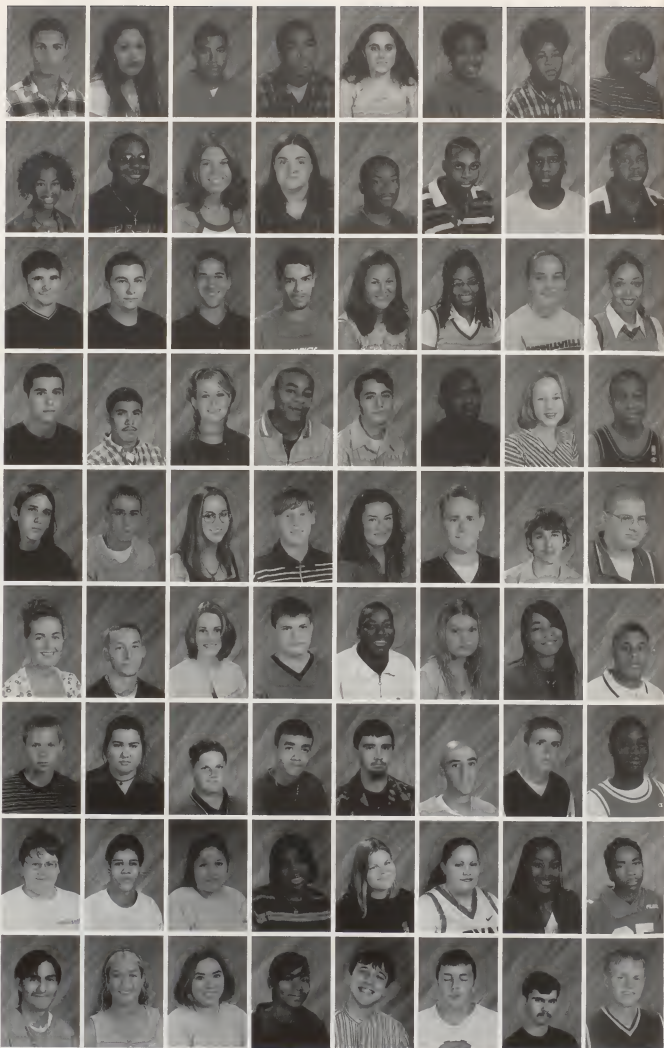
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### What is your worst experience with a car?

When I pulled out in front of a bus.

— Rob Waldron, '00

When I was riding my bike, I hit a parked car.

— Jessica Cooper, '01

Driving to school on the day of mid-terms. When I hit my brakes and came to a stop, I slid on the snow and ran into a NIPSCO pole.

— Priscilla Gonzalez, '99

A car accident (where the car) hit us from behind.

— Heather Huish, '02

When the people behind me kept honking and yelling because I would not move.

— Cheryl Major, '00

My dad hit a motorcycle while I was in the car with him.

— Megan Hampton, '01

I was driving on 80/94 when a driver had road rage and took it out on me. He hit my bumper and knocked me onto the shoulder.

— Tom Escott, '00

I was in the car, and we got hit by a truck.

— Victoria Cantrell, '02

I was in a JIMMY and it flipped into a ditch.

— Jacquie McCord, '99

When I got hit by a car crossing the street was my worst experience.

— Chris Loehmer, '01



**above** Neil Kuntz demonstrates fun in the lunchroom. Kuntz stacked all his friends' trays along with his own to put the trays on the tray return at the end of the lunch hour.

**OPPOSITE** Ryan Jezuit shows how much fun anybody could have at the basketball games. Jezuit was a member of the Pep Band.

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Jerry Duggins  
Verna Dulles  
Ryan Dula  
Ryan Durham  
Daniel Dyer  
Enka Eckstrom  
Nicole Ech

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Carl Enn  
James Escobedo  
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# quiet **CHAOS**

## JUNIORS

**OPPOSITE** Being left-handed may be a disadvantage for some, but how about having your boyfriend being left-handed as well. Shannon Peterson and Glenn Smith are a left-handed couple.

**BELOW** The drum majors and field commanders take a picture to remember the season on Senior Night. Drum Major Tania Selmon is left-handed.



## I use my **Left-Hand**

Did you know can openers are called "can't openers" for left-handers? That was because they were made for a right handed person, and many other things in this world were too. Now, people are trying to invent things that are made for either right or left handed people, but left-handers have had to deal with this problem for a long time. If you looked in stores today for a notebook, you not only had to decide on spiral or no spiral, but left handed or right handed.

Many times left handed people run into problems learning how to do certain things, like playing sports. It's not their fault though, because left-handers had to try and learn backwards from the way the right-handers were taught. Sometimes if they were lucky, the person teaching the right-handers also knew how to teach the left-handers too.

However, because of the difficulty of teaching left-handers how to do things, sometimes the left-handers just used their right hand to do things, such as playing baseball, and other sports. English teacher, Vivica Carter is left-handed. She said that when she was little her mother tried teaching her how to do many things right-handed instead of with her left.

It was also a medically proven fact that people who were

left handed should have been a twin. However, most of those twins were absorbed into one person before they fully developed. It was meant for one twin to use his or her left hand, and the other to use his or her right hand, which was why it was not so common to see a left-handed person.

Quite a few famous people were left-handed, such as our last three Presidents. Also, Whoopi Goldberg and the late Kurt Cobain were left-handers. The biggest thing was that they were not treated any differently, and unless you were to sit and watch them write, you would never have known they were left-handed. Still these people made differences.

Eating was another thing that was hard for a lefty, especially if they were sitting next to a right-hander, and not the wall. They ended up bumping elbows through the whole meal. For Chris Fesko, '01, this happened at every family get-together.

Left-handed people also had to bother with many other problems. Stores and manufacturers finally started to recognized a lefty's needs. Hopefully, more stores like The Leftorium opened by cartoon character, Ned Flanders made left-handedness something real.

— CATHERINE SWEELSON (THE LEFT HANDED CO-EDITOR)

### Does being left-handed make things hard for you, and if so what and why?



When I am writing on regular notebooks, the pencil or ink smears on my hand.

— Nate Lacry, '00

I believe that being left-handed makes you more creative and definitely makes you an individual.

— Sarah Jurisa, '00





# quiet **CHAOS**

JUNIORS

**OPPOSITE** Juniors Steve Savka and Denise Prince look at the camera during one of the slow dances during the Homecoming Dance. Many couples enjoy the quiet music and the chance to get close and relax.

**BELOW** Changes in the cafeteria cause students to remain in the cafeteria until two minutes before the bell. Another new rule was to put the trays away as soon as possible.



## What would you take with you if you were going to be deserted on an island?

My boyfriend so he can go and climb a tree and get me a coconut when I am hungry.

— LaTeena Hubbard, '99

If I was stranded on an island I would take Jim Carey because I'll have someone to be with, and he'll always be funny and not very boring.

— Erika Villarreal, '02

My magic lamp with the genie inside to wish my way off the island.

— Jessica Tapper, '00

"Mousey", my bathroom, kitchen, my Bible, clothes and shoes.

— Jernika Hunter, '01

A bible and a basketball court with a basketball.

— Craig Taylor, '01

A bed with covers on it.

— Ryan Bobowsky, '00

I would bring Carmen Electra, a toothbrush, and turntables.

— Steve Hardison, '02

I'd never get stuck on a deserted island.

— Mike Harton, '99

Beef Jerky and a flare.

— Brittany Cobb, '02

I would take my huge photo album and my boyfriend Josh.

— Sarah Certa, '02

My stuffed animals.

— Jameela Rashad, '99

My purse with all the stuff inside.

— Meagan Jackson, '00

I would bring some fine women and a stereo.

— Josh Cassidy, '02

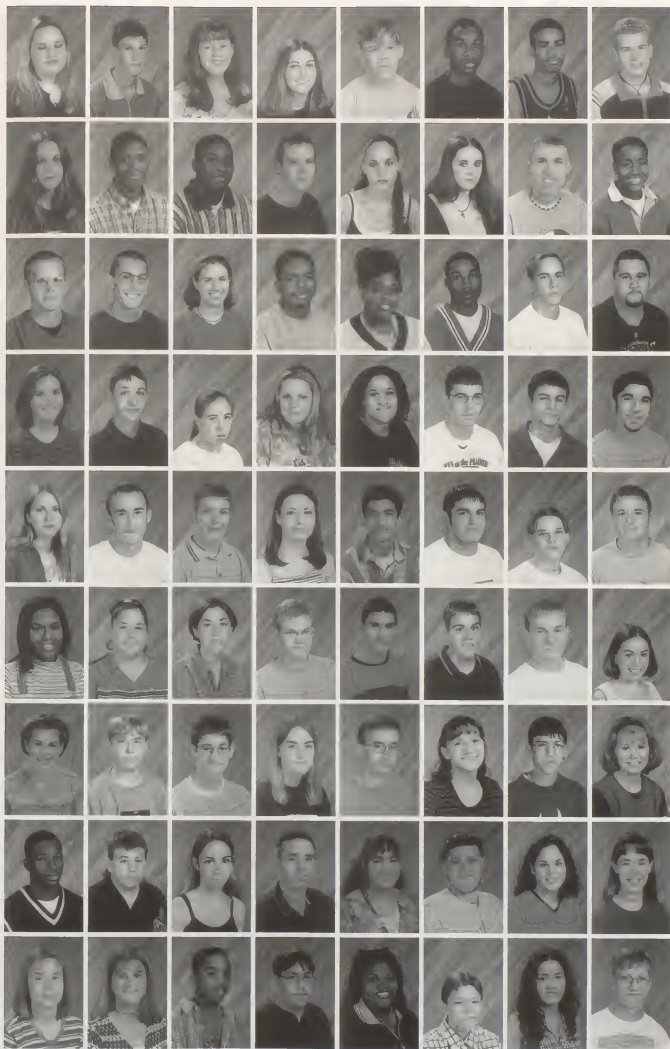
Clothes.

— Shavon Banister, '01

My skates.

— Andy Girma, '00





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Christopher Howitt  
William Hunter  
Joseph Jackson

Meagan Jackson  
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Gary Ludwig  
Jeanne Luviano  
James Luttinen

# quiet CHAOS

JUNIORS

## Hallway

Whether they are walking down the hall or stopping to talk, many students use the six minutes between classes to catch up on the latest news of school.

## Gatherings

**BELOW** Ryan Petry and Bob Kleinman lead a pack of students down the hall as they talk during passing period. Students now have to go around the cafeteria wall where the Commons used to be in order to get to classes in the AB hall.



**ABOVE** Blythe Bertolo, Kriss Mersot and Jaci Boger talk in the hall at lunch time. They could be catching up on things that happened in lunch or maybe even passing on what the menu happens to be.

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Brenton Mac Donald  
Jennifer Mac Neal  
Nicholas Madrid  
Vincent Magee  
Chi Lan Mai  
Richard May  
Cheryl Major



Joel Makarovitz  
Maria Malove  
Jessica Malis  
Melissa Maragos  
Stephon Martinich  
Kristina Mannoski  
Janice Marler  
Kendall Martin



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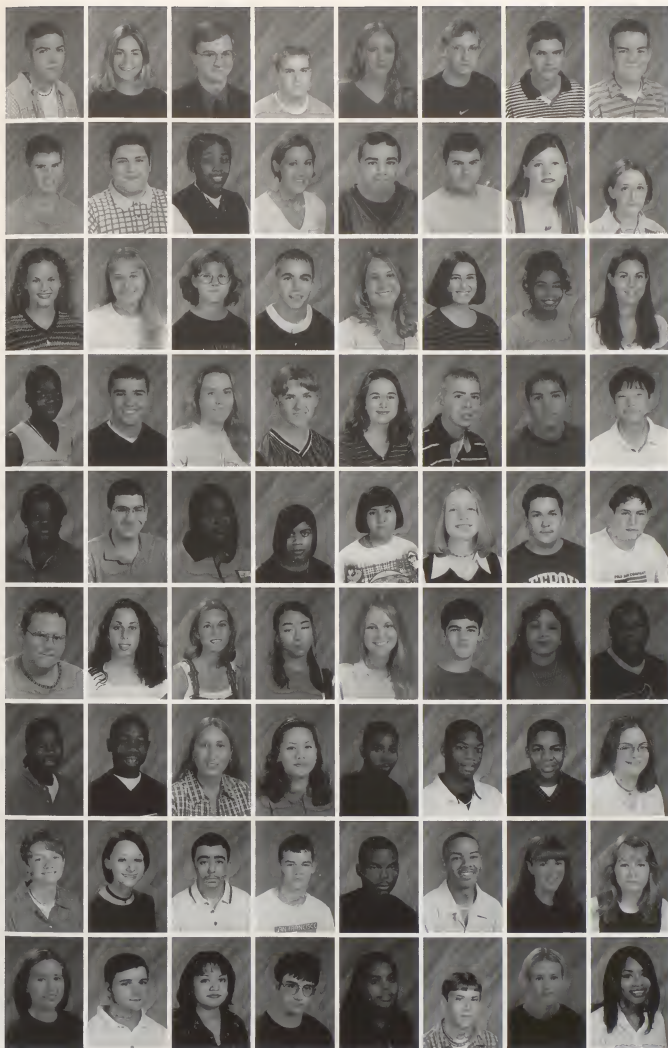


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Robyn Mc Indoo  
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David McMullan  
Mahogany Mead  
Billy Meadows  
Eric Meeks  
Josh Mehay





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Shannon Palo

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Keyvin Pearson  
Samuel Pearson  
Diana Pecolia  
Deanna Perez  
Johnathon Perkins  
Montrell Person  
Lucas Peters  
Sarah Peters

Shannon Peterson  
Loretta Petrovich  
Tony Petrovich  
Ryan Petry  
Jason Pickett  
Adam Pierce  
Randi Pigg  
Amanda Plummer

Valerie Plummer  
John Poling  
Jaanna Ponce  
Justin Porter  
Muna Portes  
Nicholas Porzuczek  
Nicole Potts  
Camille Powell

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Timothy Radford  
Suzana Radicski  
Mary Rasbach  
Andrea Rebo

Jared Reed  
Krystal Reen  
Linda Reyna  
Ronnie Rice  
Brenda Riley  
Gerrmy Rinkes  
Michele Rosovski  
Matthew Rivera

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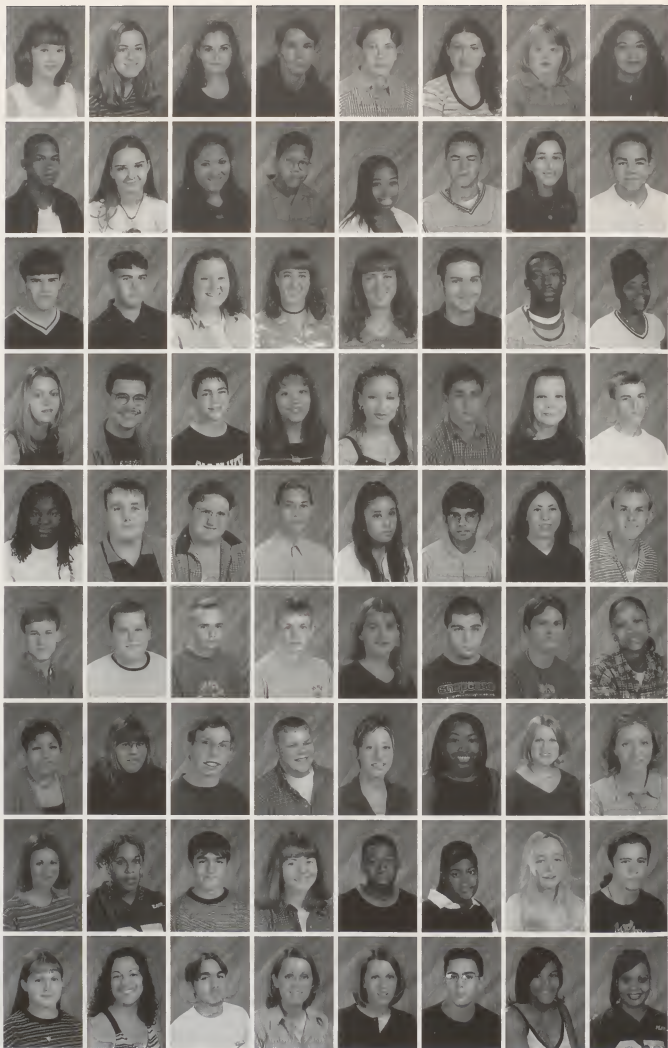
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 Frank Wloszczynski  
 Jennifer Yugo  
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# quiet **CHAOS**

## SOPHOMORES

**OPPOSITE** Erik Price and Sarah Liakoswalk down the hallway hand-in-hand. Many couples take the passing period to catch up on the day's events by seeing each other.

**BELOW** Veronica Ramirez glances at the conductor during the Band's Christmas Concert. Ramirez knows how to play the clarinet and saxophone.



## How Television **Influences Us...**

You finally get home from school and what's the first thing you do? Yeah, that's right grab something to eat and turn on the TV.

Usually, TV is just for fun, but these days some are taking it a bit too seriously. "People become lazy, sit on the couch, and don't do anything," spoke Derek Lamprecht, '01 about his outlook of TV. Sure TV has an impact on us, it has been around as long as students can remember. It's our way to see around the world without leaving the couch. Tina Damjanoski, '01, feels, "TV has a big effect because it's around all the time and we get ideas from it."

Everyone has their favorite shows. Whether it be from something funny, such as "Friends", or something serious, like "20/20." Most of the people in this school have television shows that they watch on a regular basis. Many popular TV shows that have a strong fan base are: "Dawson's Creek," "The Simpsons," "South Park," and "Party of Five." But what makes a television show so popular is how most students can relate to the idea. Another deciding factor is how funny or serious it is. Many people can relate to the funny

antics of "Southpark," Riste Risteovski, '01, feels, "Southpark is the funniest show to hit television."

Many benefits come from television these days. You can get all kinds of information from the news, or channels programs. Many teachers have used television to their advantage as well. Teachers have the option to tape record educational shows and show them in the classroom. Even students can benefit. Many times educational programs can be caught on television and the student will watch and learn something they did not know. Overall, TV shows are a great source of educational learning.

So what is the future of television? Maybe in the future, television will have a greater impact on our lives than today. Still how can it enhance our lives more than it already has. Each person has their own opinion in the role that television plays in our society today. By all means television is the main source of communication that is relied on right away. Imagine how the world would be with out TV. It would mean that people would not have full warning on an event and news would be given out the next morning. Television is a big part of society's lives and it will definitely continue to be.

### How do you feel television influences you? GOCE RISTEVSKI

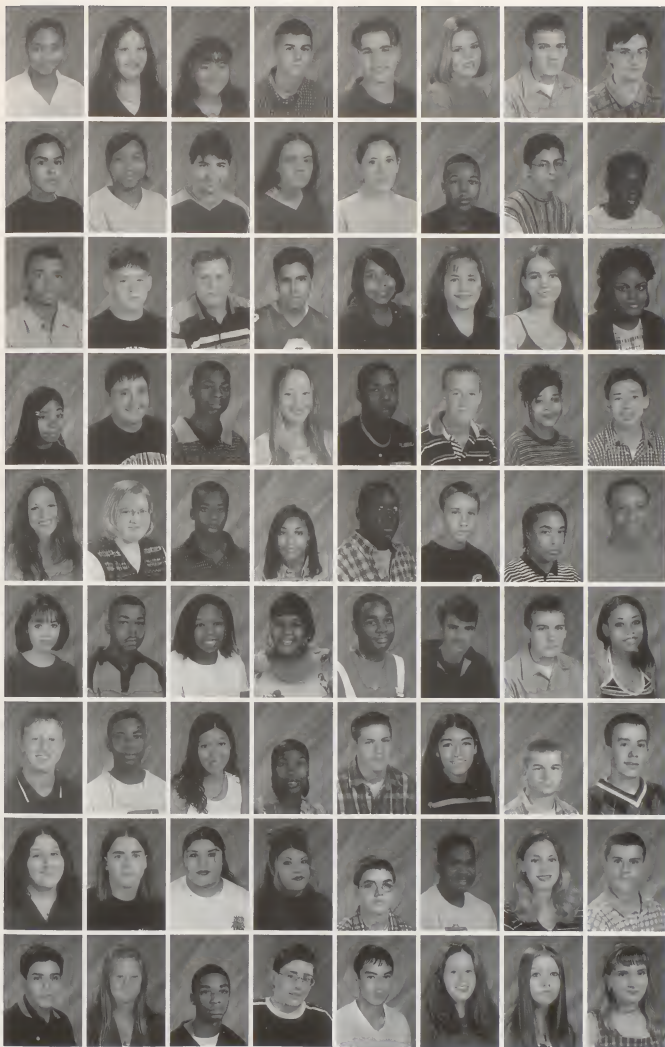
Television has a lot to do with everyday things. It influences us in how we dress and sometimes how some [people] think.

—Michelle Janeski '01

Television sometimes makes people do things and makes some wrong things seem right.

—Tony Hawkins, '01





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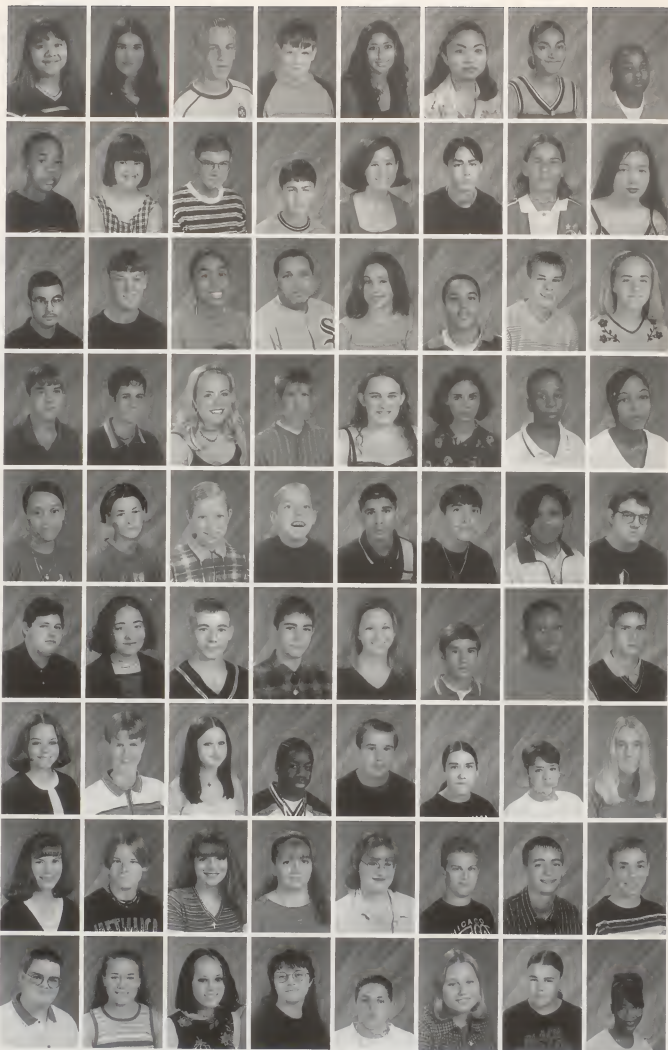
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Deborah Hawkins  
Tony Hawkins  
Theresa Hazlett  
Matthew Hebert  
Krisi Hellen  
Tia Cole Heibredner  
Immanuel Henderson



### What is Your Lucky Charm?

A beanie baby tiger named Padro."

— Jason Marcus, '99

A Pair of socks that when I wear them I win the game.

— Bruce Blue, '01

My fifty cent paso coin.

— Ryan Bobowsky, '00

A locket of my baby brother who died.

— Krystal Catania, '02

Money because it buys almost anything.

— Christa Dzewicki, '99

My Cross pin.

— John Wilson, '01

My silver dollar because a close person gave it to me freshman year and now I am almost out of school.

— Kendall Martin, '00

A box of lucky charms.

— Omari Jones, '99

My lucky charm is a ring my mom gave me. I wear this ring everyday; I even sleep with it on.

— Chevaun Childs, '99

A glow in the dark skull head necklace my friend gave me.

— Michelle Haughton,

'01

A double Whopper.

— Paul Blagojevsky, '00

My lucky charm is the things that makes me the happiest and what I love so much.

— Danielle Hill, '02

Hall of Flags.

— Aaron Standifer, '99

My autographed cubs 1998 baseball.

— Mike McLaughlin, '02

A four-leaf clover.

— Michelle Lindahl, '00



**ABOVE** Ebonee Pace puts her hand for good luck at the beginning of the JV Volleyball game. Pace is a three sport athlete in addition to being in Colorguard during football season.

**OPPOSITE** Molly Draper and Cheryl Hoagland sing their parts during a choir concert. Many students participate in the choir program.



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Jason Hernandez  
Maria Herrera  
Curtis Herzog  
Nick Hoagland  
Ryan Hill  
Cheryl Hoagland  
Richard Hottz



Jeffrey Hopkins  
Laura Honvith  
Ruth House  
Case Huggins  
Virginia Hughes  
Matthew Huttie  
Michael Inthasane  
Alfonso Inzary



Mirko Janovic  
Amanda Jakowicz  
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Melissa Jelinek  
Jason Jemenko



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Michael Jones  
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Christopher Josifovski  
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Theara Judons  
Kevanna Jules  
Lisa Kadinski  
Kristen Kaser  
George Katagoras



Christie Kamanaroff  
Jeremiah Keene  
Jannet Kelly  
Nichole Kempa  
Kevin Kerr  
Joshua Ketchum  
Erica Kimble  
Hui Kimble



Timothy Kengery  
David Koh  
Melissa Koh  
Leslie Kormanik  
Bojana Kijac  
Mirjana Kijac  
Amy Koehke  
Mike Koldus



Amanda Komenda  
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Jessica Koon  
Kris Koutoski  
Pavel Koutoski  
Irene Koutoski  
Kevin Kovacs  
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Breanna LaTulp  
David Lee







**OPPOSITE** The Valentine's dance was an occasion open to students of all grade levels. Students enjoy talking with friends between songs.

**BELOW** Band members spent weeks practicing for their winter concert. Many sophomores participated in the music program in band, orchestra or choir.



## My Parent **Works Here**

Forgetting your lunch money was a problem for some, but not for the students whose parents worked at MHS. All the students had to do was find their parent and ask for lunch money. It looked convenient. However, to many children of employees it had both advantages and disadvantages.

Math teacher Nancy Draper, mother of Andy and Molly, said, "It has it's conveniences. It is easier to check on their progress. The downside of it is, that I feel that I am a part of their lives too much." Andy Draper added, "It's no big deal; I like it."

The parents could make sure their child was getting things done and not getting into trouble. Secretary to the Assistant Principals Debbie Klippel, mother of Joe Klippel, said, "It has been fun. It's a good thing that I'll have another son coming. I will have the privilege of schooling eight years with my sons. I love going to school with my son." Joe had his doubts, but concluded, "It is better than I thought."

Students whose parents worked at school often found out everything their child did. While the child got fed up sometimes, in the long run all of the students liked having their

parent there whenever they needed them. On the other hand, a few of the students felt they always had to be doing the right thing or they would be letting their parent down.

There were always the ups and downs. If a child forgot a project at home, mom could get it on her prep or lunch break. These mothers helped their child as much as possible, but only to a certain point. If the child did get in trouble, they got punished by the school and then by mom. She will always seemed to find out.

English teacher Lee Meyer, mother of Jessica Grey, "loves having Jessica here. I get to know her friends. It is convenient and easy to connect. I am able to talk to her teachers, and I hope to have her in class one day."

Jessica was on the same wave length as her mom. She said, "Having Mom work at the same school is cool. If I need money or a pass or something I can just go to her room. But it is just as easy for my teachers to talk to her too. Since I'm hardly ever home after school I get to see her during the day, so that's cool." Sometimes it's nice when there was someone to count on.

# quiet **CHAOS**

SOPHOMORES

## MUSICAL

The gift of music is a blessing to those who enjoy listening to it. The music may come from the voice or from an instrument, but it is still a beautiful talent.

## MAKERS

**BELOW** In *Symphonic Band*, Patrick Boska, Brandon Mangley, Darnell Blackmon, Mike Ford, Terrence Campbell do the job of supplying the beat during the Winter Concert. Concentration is a good key in band especially for the percussion section who are in charge of keeping the steady beat going.



**ABOVE** Melissa Gray sings a solo during the choir's Christmas concert. Many students get the chance to dress in their own clothes instead of the choir outfits.

Stephen Lenzler Jr.  
Sarah Lenzler  
Jennifer Leonard  
LeRay Lewis  
Michael Liers  
Christopher Lochner  
James Longhi  
Jolene Lopez

Leah Lopez  
Sonia Lopez  
Michael Lord  
Joseph Lowe  
Lindsey Lubovich  
Meredith Lucas  
Shelly Lupold  
Jesse Luttinen

John Lynn  
Terre Maddox  
Danny Madison  
Jimmie Mallard  
Paul Marana  
Michael Mancuso  
Andrew Marcus  
Brandon Marcus

Melissa Marelich  
Michael Mays  
Tama Mc Carly  
Tehesia Mc Cloud  
Jason Mc Cully  
Branne Mc Gee  
Jason Mc Gee  
Ryan Mc Gee

Michael Mc Lindon  
Kristie McKillan  
Schenel McCendon  
Nichole Meacham  
Mark Megyesi  
Irene Menchaca  
Manuel Mendez  
Nichole Menzies





Vinan Merritt  
 Hazel Meza  
 Nicholas Michelm  
 Ryan Modill  
 Sebastian Mijus  
 Justin Miller  
 Melissa Modiragov  
 Emily Midom



Sean Mitchell  
 Dawn Mota  
 Rameses Montgomery  
 Michael Morawski  
 Jessica Moreno  
 Billy Morgan  
 Plano Munio



Armalia Munro  
 Marjan Muncies  
 Rachel Naptin  
 Stephen Nasson  
 James Nelson  
 Pined Nelson  
 Juan Nieto  
 Ramon Nieves



Daniel Nikh  
 Jason Nolan  
 Keith Norman  
 Wayne O'Brien  
 Jennifer Olechich  
 Nivanna Onyela  
 Renee Ortega  
 Jessica Orten



Jennifer Orze  
 Michael Orzechowicz  
 Ebonnee Pace  
 John Padberg  
 Constance Pagan  
 Michael Palkus  
 Joel Patterson  
 Cassandra Pavlovich



Andy Pawlowicz  
 Elgen Peden  
 Christina Peete  
 Robert Perez  
 Cheryl Perkins  
 Shane Peschke  
 Amy Petrich  
 Brandon Person



Amy Pivovarnik  
 Jennifer Pys  
 Brian Pusk  
 Kelly Polonczyk  
 Nicholas Pounds  
 Randy Powell  
 Robert Prentiss  
 David Price



Erik Price  
 Nathan Pritchard  
 James Procter Jr  
 Tiffany Ramsey  
 Alisa Rambert  
 Daniel Ramirez  
 Jennifer Ramirez  
 Melissa Ramirez



Veronica Ramirez  
 Renee Ramos  
 Lorrie Rancapagn  
 John Rangel  
 Kyle Rakovich  
 Jesse Reico  
 Aishla Rectory  
 George Reed II

Gregory Reher  
Charles Reilly  
Lyndia Reyna  
Joseph Reyna  
Nathaniel Reynolds  
Aaron Rice  
Tracey Rico  
Riste Ristevski

Timothy Roberts  
Ilyan Robertson  
Michael Robinson  
Aaron Rodriguez  
Vincent Romero  
Sean Rosenbaum  
Jeffrey Roth  
Cassandra Rounds

Keith Roy  
Amiee Rudler  
Amber Russard  
Bret Sager  
Tiffany Sapienza  
Danny Salazar  
Kasey Samson  
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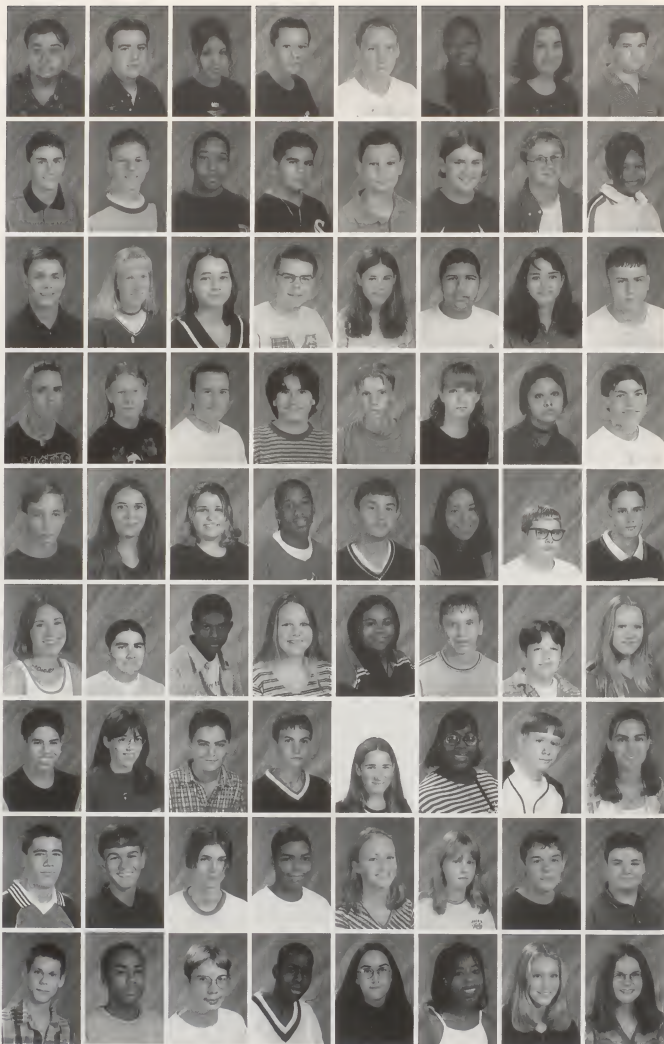
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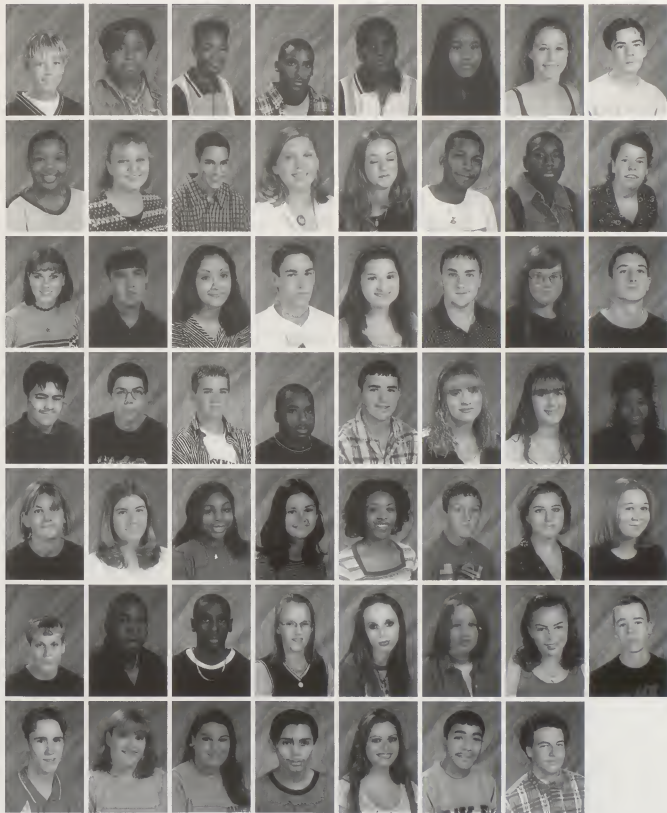




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## SOPHOMORES

**LEFT** "President" Rob Perez takes time out of his political schedule to enjoy entertaining Melissa Shawver, Chaz Reilly and Jennifer Jansen at the Turnabout Dance. Perez also entertains the school with his segment "What's Your Beef" on PNN.



Jeffery Talbot  
Lacretta Tatum  
Craig Taylor  
James Taylor  
Steven Taylor  
Koree Thomas  
Margan Thomas  
Keith Thomason

Samaria Thompson  
Jenica Todd  
Israel Toledo  
Nicole Tomko  
Marnia Trajovski  
David Turner  
Parris Turner  
Sarah Turner

Jennifer Turco  
Steven Turco  
Rosalinda Urbe  
Joseph Urtola IV  
Marnia Valdez  
Kyle Van Winste  
Amanda Vargo  
Alexander Vasterisi

Daniel Villarreal  
Jonathan Virgo  
Kyle Viotry  
Brandon Walker  
Calvin Wallace  
Christina Walls  
Holly Walsh  
Monique Walton

Julie Watson  
Amy Watts  
Ashley Weems  
Richard Weems  
Tiffany White  
Christopher Williams  
Kary Willison  
Whitney Wills

Adam Wilson  
John Wilson III  
Thomas Wimbush Jr.  
Con Wimmer  
Michelle Woolley  
Crystal Woodvine  
Brandi Wright  
Timothy Wright

Jason Yagelski  
Tiffany Yates  
Anastasia Yatrias  
Jonathan Zamora  
Linda Zamora  
Roger Zamora  
Michael Zensio



Inessa Aubrey  
Ashley Aubrey  
Ashley Aubrey  
Erica Adams  
Sami Abdel Alab  
Joshua Agne  
Richard Agosto  
Ali Ahmed



Joseph Agner  
Patric Alexander  
Tawana Alford  
Tiffany Allenman  
Eugene Allen  
Tiffany Allen  
Anthony Alison  
Matthew Aloia



Gabriela Alvarez  
Ismael Alvarez  
Michael Amundsen  
Esperanza Anaya  
Keith Anderson  
Dan Angotti  
Avelida Aponte  
Sarah Argeria



Samantha Argue  
Thomas Anoro  
Kristina Arnsby  
Casey Aniso  
Amber Ashe  
James Ashe  
Vinessa Atsby-Mensah  
Robert Banks



Lorn Bannan  
Kathy Barnes  
Wesley Barnett  
Adrian Barner  
Megan Barry  
Jose Benavente  
Joshua Berk  
Damon Berry



Jason Berry  
Lia Bewley  
Fred Biancardi  
Nicole Birmingham  
Matthew Bishop  
Allen Bobowsky  
Tamara Bowen  
Tiffany Brazolwitz



Tiffany Brosch  
David Brown  
Megan Brown  
Kerry Bruckman  
Dean Brummet  
Jenny Brun  
Jonathan Butz  
Michael Bunnell



Amanda Burden  
Melissa Burress  
Michelle Busse  
Jason Camma  
Robert Campbell  
Scott Cannon  
Victoria Cantrell  
Nicole Carda



Kelly Carlson  
Lashawn Carter  
Larchel Caruthers  
Joshua Castoday  
Krysta Catana  
Danna Cernaik  
Sarah Certa  
Nicolas Charleston





## quiet **CHAOS** FRESHMEN

**OPPOSITE** Smiling with pride, a 1999 graduate is congratulated after Commencement. Freshmen look forward to the day they will walk across the stage at the Radisson.

**BELOW** Health and Safety teacher Greg Plerson walks around the class offering help on the day's assignment. Most Health students are freshmen and sophomores.



## Loving **Your Pets**

Some people chose the company of their pet over the company of their friends. Some treated their pets better than they treated their friends.

Pets can be much like humans. They can be loyal, loving and never tell the secrets they were told. They can be man's best friend.

Veronica Flores, '02, said, "My puppy, Bele, is my favorite pet because she looks innocent." Dogs greeted their owner when he got home. They watched the evening news with their owner. They even looked for trouble outside. It kept the family feeling safe at night. Some dog owners even believed their pup saved their lives.

Some were furry, some were scaly. One family of extraordinary pets would be the reptile family. This family included snakes, iguanas, and lizards. Some reptiles that live in this region needed a heat lamp to live. It was necessary for these reptiles to have a warm climate similar to that in the south. Mike O'Reilly, '02, said, "I like my snake, Gretchen, better than my spider because she is more playful.

Another common pet was a gerbil. Gerbils didn't require much time, or money. However, gerbils were not as loving as a dog. They always tried to get away because they did not want to go back into the cage. Gerbils did not even live long enough to build a lasting relationship. Also, they did not act as if they understood their owners. In fact it was common for gerbils not to acknowledge his owner's presence.

Even more common are fish. Fish require even less time, but more money sometimes. It may be hard to establish a close relationship with a fish though. They can sometimes live their lives and never look directly at their owners. Some fish only come out at night.

Some people do not understand why someone would purposely buy arachnids. Because some of them spend hours trying to remove them from their garage and attic. Others find them to be fascinating, beautiful creatures. They might feel differently if that spider got out of the tank and crawled into bed with them. Spiders are very intricate and they can be very friendly. But do not get too close, they bite too.

Chi Chen Chang  
Manesha Chigrapati  
Philip Churilla  
Erin Coon  
James Clark  
Will Clark  
Eric Clinton  
Brittany Cobb  
Krisina Coburn  
Meghan Cohnurst

Kenneth Coleman  
Matthew Collins  
Sandra Collins  
Jason Comer  
Sarah Conquest  
David Cook  
Santora Cordella  
Natalie Cowley  
Christopher Crabbe  
Jason Crabbe

Ryan Craft  
Shanel Crittenden  
Daren Cudjoe  
Matthew Cunningham  
James Curtis  
Justin Curtis  
Katherine Czubi  
Krisofer Dabu  
Nicholas Dallas  
Melchell Danford

Monique Darden  
Haatal Dave  
Angelic Davis  
James Davis  
Malisa Davis  
Tiffany Davis  
Zachary Davis  
Robert Deacon  
De'neee Deyamin  
Dianessa DeLaCruz

Gustavo Del Real  
Anni Dennie  
Robert Denert  
William Denert  
Kenneth Dettmerine  
April Dixon  
Leah Dixon  
Ayra Do  
Thomas Dobbs  
Anna Doko

Pete Dorasjki  
Wesley Doty Jr.  
William Downs  
Ana Maria Dozas  
Christopher Drapau  
Amber Duff  
James Dulaney  
Dathan Echols  
Terence Edlinch  
Christopher Edmond

Elizabeth Elder  
Lunetta Elson  
Amanda Elser  
Jeffrey Emmart  
Monique Emmons  
Albert Escobedo  
Michael Escobedo  
Daniel Estes  
Joshua Everett

Rale Feagin  
Nicholas Fisher  
Krisina Fleck  
Bruce Flippins  
Oswaldo Flores  
Veronica Flores  
Kacie Floyd  
Lisa Fralinger  
Ginger Francis  
Michael Francis

Jonathon Franzen  
Kelli Fravel  
Kia Freeman  
Cazey Frey  
Juki Frey  
Kenneth Frey  
Megan Furtic  
Christopher Gabrieli  
Jason Gaffney  
Tiffany Gallegos





### What kind of music do you listen to? Why?

I listen to Rock because I love the guitar.  
— Bruce Flippins, '02

Rap and Rock 'n Roll. The beats are tight and the songs are good.  
— Cory Burkus, '00

A little bit of Country and a little bit of Rock n' Roll. It's good music with meaning.  
— Mona Navarro, '99

Dance music. It sounds good, and I love to listen to it.  
— Elizabeth Attwood, '01

I listen to everything from classic rock to rap because I like everything.  
— Morgan Marovich, '02

'80's thrash music. It's the best music ever made.

— Rose Lloyd, '99

Alternative. The music has a good sound.

— Molly Draper, '01

Dance and Rap music because I really like to dance.

— Erika Ekstrom, '00

A little bit of everything because I like everything.

— Amiee Plukas, '02

Rap because I just like that kind of music.

— Gina Templin, '00



**ABOVE** Science students work to complete a unit test. As the end of the grading period draws near, teachers try to get that one last test in so they can start the new unit at the same time they start the new semester.

**OPPOSITE** Biology teacher Jeff Yelton offers advice to students who are working on a lab. The students are learning concepts to prepare them for their visit to Pierce Planetarium later in the week.



# quiet **CHAOS**

FRESHMEN

## Relaxing

Students rush to be first in line to buy their lunches because the faster they get their food the more time they have to socialize with friends.

## at Lunch

**BELOW** Students chat with friends as they eat their lunches. This is one of the few chances they have each day to take it easy for a few minutes. Many groups sit at the same table or in the same area each day so that it is easier to locate their friends.



**ABOVE** A student enters the cafeteria and passes the pizza line heading for the new area of the cafeteria where friends wait. Many students save their places with their backpacks before getting in line to buy their lunches.

Jennifer Garcia  
Nancy Garcia  
Kerita Garner  
Christina Georgevich  
Christopher Genuska  
Stephen Gill  
Joy Gilmore  
Jason Giordano



Zalika Goredu  
Sharon Glaze  
Joshua Goeringer  
Kanna Gomez  
Elena Gonzalez  
Jason Gonzalez  
Jessica Gonzalez  
Stephanie Gonzalez



Thomas Gonzalez  
Manna Goreski  
Keith Gough  
Jason Grace  
Aaron Green  
Candace Greenleaf  
Scott Gregory  
Karen Greish



Renee Griggs  
Brittany Grimmer  
Samantha Grzesik  
Tamara Grzesik  
Adam Guajardo  
Tim Gust  
Jeffrey Halaschak  
Sandra Halbe



Janice Hullenbeck  
Michael Hallgren  
Ashley Halpern  
Rachel Hammond  
Marion Hanley  
Kevin Harris  
Joshua Harvith  
Corey Hawkins







L'yaq Ham  
Jhonne Haynes  
Christopher Hebert  
Elizabeth Henderson  
Eric Hendrickson  
Nicole Herrera  
Jacquelyn Highsmith  
Carmelia Horton



Ronald Holley  
Andrew Holmes  
Lauren Homola  
Sacey Hooks  
Sabrina Hopkins  
Jaime Horst  
Antonio Horton  
Robyn Horton



Kennetha Houston  
Kevin Hubbard  
Heather Hush  
Robert Hush  
Cynthia Hunkle  
Jemika Hunter  
David Husek  
Elizabeth Ileva



Philip Ingram  
Daniel Inshawe  
Minka Ivanovic  
Kristine Jackson  
Arthur Jackson  
Franklin Jackson  
Matthew Jagata  
Jennifer Jansen



Jonathan Jassosi  
Gregory Jetter  
James Johnson  
Justin Johnson  
Vince Johnson  
Nicole Jolly  
Antonia Jones  
Billy Jones



Enika Jones  
Joshua Jones  
Paula Jones  
Jeffrey Julius  
Joseph Juna  
Dimce Karamacovski  
Amy Kaste  
Stacy Kavos



Crystal Kedziora  
Jonathan Kelsey  
Blake Kendra  
Anthony Keown  
Lacey Kerns  
Joshua Kester  
Tommie King  
Jamie Kirby



Nicholas Klebs  
Jamie Kloth  
Jim Knight  
Derride Knobbe  
Philip Knotts  
Christopher Kors  
Mark Koves  
Dana Kraska



Jennifer Krejo  
Brett Kroncke  
Sean Kroncke  
Yllan Kuck  
Amanda Ladd  
Matthew Lancaster  
Ray Lammore  
Jacob Lashenik

Jordra Lenoik  
Jane Lee  
Sharnel Leslie  
Christopher Lesiak  
Julie Lesiak  
Dominique Lewis  
Donnell Lewis  
Kevin Lewis

Lanikka Lewis  
Daniel Lesta  
Ashley Littell  
Joseph Llano  
Jessica Lopez  
Julissa Lopez  
Lisa Lopez  
Monica Lopez

Michelle Lynn  
Kimberly Mann  
Eugene Manuel  
Marc Maple  
Joseph Marlow  
Morgan Marovich  
Lorena Marquez  
Marleya Martin

Melissa Matsey  
Christopher Patton  
Meghan Maurman  
Jennifer Mc Cann  
Bonita Mc Carley  
Kathi Mc Kay  
Michael Mc Laughlin  
Sophia McLeod

Christian McMillon  
Maegan McPhee  
Brandon McVade  
Jeffrey Meador  
Brandon Meekin  
Jessica Menchaca  
Timothy Mesumaker  
William Metros

Melissa Mihai  
Constance Miles  
Heather Miller  
Kara Miller  
Kyle Miller  
Mykisha Milnap  
Gretchen Minchuk  
Jacob Minnick



## What do you think of the driving age being changed to 18?

It's unfair because it's because it's not our fault.

—Kosta Mileas, '02

I think it is unfair because if you are old enough to work, then you are old enough to drive.

—Paul Suleski, '99

What is waiting two extra years suppose to do? We are not going to get any more responsible while waiting.

—Brad Kamano, '00

We shouldn't be held responsible for others' mistakes.

—Phil Knotts, '02

It is stupid. It is not fair that everyone else got to drive when they were sixteen.

—Kelly Samson, '02

I don't think it is fair.

—Jessica Koon, '01

What's the difference when you are 18 you will still be as inexperienced as a 16 year-old.

—Matt Sciegel, '99

I don't think it should be because it wouldn't be fair to people who will be 16 really soon.

—Jenny Doneski, '00

I think it is dumb because 18 is too old, and 16 is a good age.

—Lence Trpkoski, '00

My mommy won't be able to drive me to college.

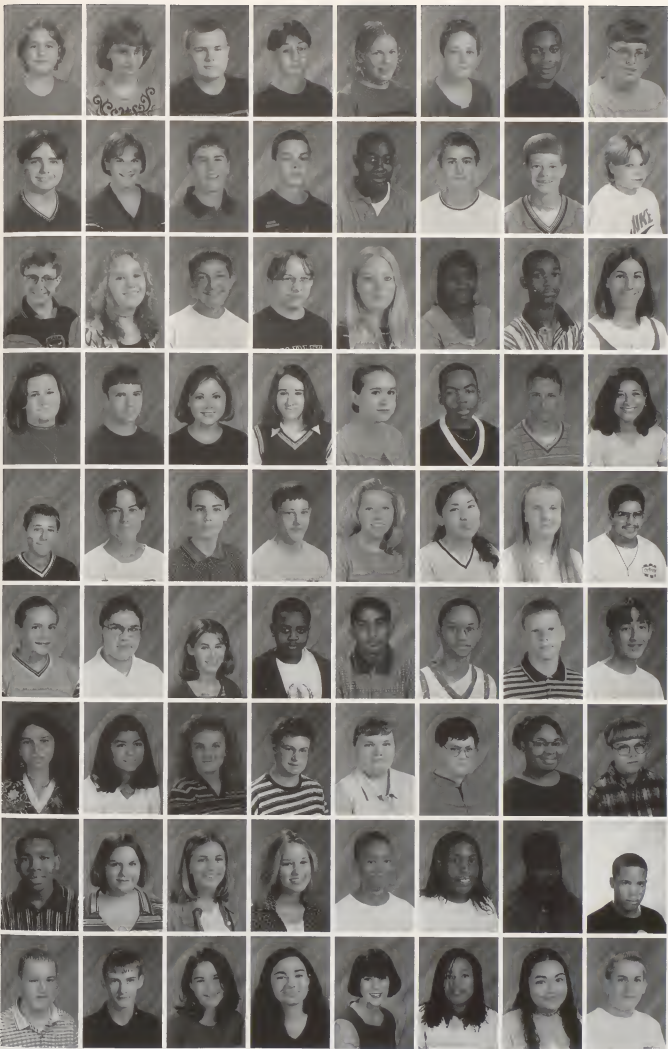
—Tony Bairaktaris, '99

I think it stinks because it is not our fault for being born late or for reckless drivers.

—Anisha Wimbish, '02

I think it is extremely stupid because people can't wait until they are 16, and now they are going to have to wait until they are 18.

—Chris Doneski, '01



Alexander Mern  
Stao Mriatek  
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Ryan Moore

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Lauren Nuzzo  
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Michael O'Reilly  
Olivia Obregon

Marcia Olandezos  
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Goran Seat  
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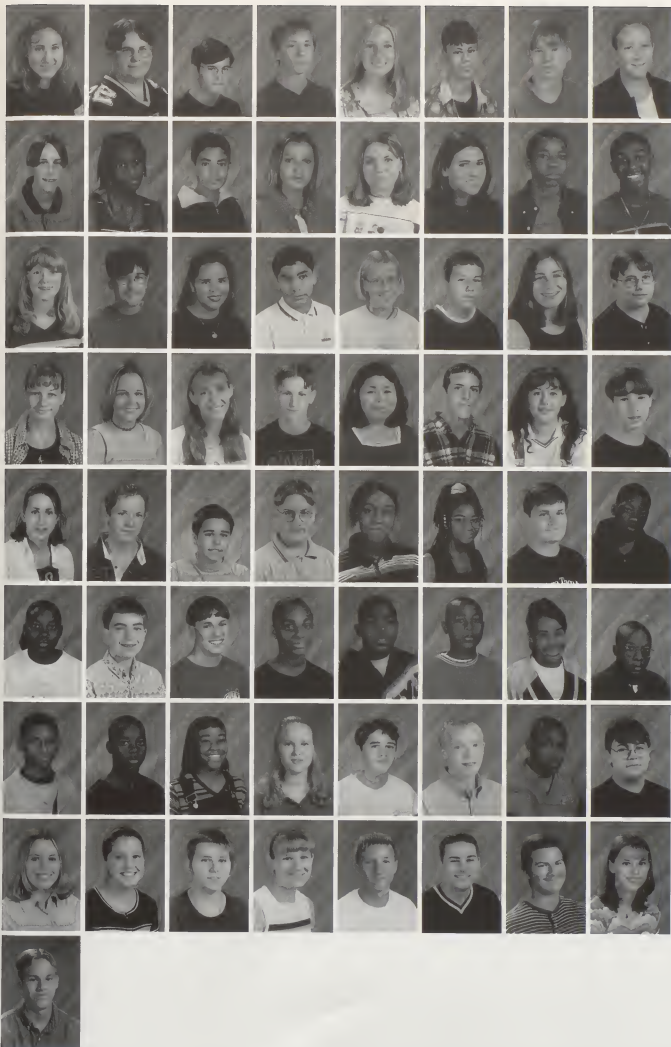
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Melissa Stewart  
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Tina Streiber  
David Strom







Ann Staj  
Christopher Sullivan  
Stephen Summers  
Andrew Swerc  
Nicole Szonokis  
Margaret Szczerba  
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Megan Tames

Jonathon Then  
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Mirjana Trkula  
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Richard Vilarreal  
Enika Vilarreal  
Jayson Villars

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Jeffrey Walton  
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Alexis Washington  
Leah Weatherington  
Derek Weimers  
Marshall Wesley

Tiffany Wesley  
Ray Wilbanks  
Jason Wilburn  
Sanna Wilkerson  
Brandon Williams  
Bryon Williams  
Cariette Williams  
Cassy Williams

Jason Williams  
Reginald Williams  
Salene Williams  
Amy Wilson  
Gregory Winn  
Timothy Wirtz  
Brandon Wise  
Christopher Wisener

Emi Wolfe  
Michelle Wood  
Teresa Woyanowski  
Stephanie Wusk  
Brian Yack  
Adam Yager  
Craig Zaremba  
Jennifer Zank

Brian Zdyich



# quiet **CHAOS**

## FACULTY

**OPPOSITE** Physical education teacher Lori Dust provides consolation following Commencement. Many teachers enjoy taking part in the graduation ceremony.

**BELOW** School Board member L.J. Crist accepts the senior gift, a pedestal for the Pirate statue made by alumnus Eric Beale, from Mike Megres. Crist was presented the floral arrangement as a tribute for his many years of service to the community.



## Secretaries: Behind **The Scenes**

Every time you walk into school late with some lame excuse, who do you run to? The secretaries in Student Services. Whose job is it to make sure you know that school has been delayed for several hours because of the effects of Mother Nature? The secretaries in the Main Office. Who is responsible for making sure that the janitor unclogs your locker? The secretaries in the Guidance Office.

People tended to take the secretaries of MHS for granted and overlooked how important they were. After dealing with rude students, and aggravated parents all day, the secretaries usually stayed after hours doing paperwork and preparing for the next day. Tons of desk work was not the end of it. The secretaries also had to make sure that appointments were made and confirmed for the principals.

Secretary to the Principal Melanie Scott joined the secretarial staff this year. In addition of her work for Principal Evelyn Ennsman, she was also the office manager coordinating the work of the secretaries and aides in all of the school's offices. Working closely with Scott were Secretary to the Assistant Principals Debbie Klippel, Carol Hogan, and Receptionist Marsha Pierson.

The secretaries in Student Services had to deal with attendance, making clip-on aide passes, changing Saturday detentions and completing work issued to them by the principals. After a hard day at work, they also liked to kick back and relax. "I like to go home and put my feet up," said Shirley Ortegon, who worked in Student Services. Also working in Student Services were Secretary Carol Lamprecht and Treasurer Chris Garcia, who succeeded in getting the school's financial

records entered into the computer this year.

Debbie Zellers of the Guidance Office said the hardest thing about her job was, "Having so much work to do and getting it done by a certain time." The secretaries working in the Guidance Office had to take care of work issued to them by all the counselors. Then they also had to do report cards, progress reports, expulsion letters, college recommendation letters and schedule changes. Zellers was joined in guidance by Secretary Cheryl Albers, Registrar Elaine Hydinger, and Cindy Holcott.

If students needed to buy tickets for the game or check the rules for eligibility, they trekked down to the Athletic Office where they were taken care of by secretaries Nikki Jusko and Barb Branda.

Students tended to take the secretaries who worked in the Media Center for granted. That was until they needed to do a project or a bulletin board for history teacher Jim East or one of the other teachers who assigned research projects. Then the help of Library Aide Margaret Leposky and AV Coordinator Linda Robertson became invaluable.

At the same time, many students never even knew that Media Services secretaries Bonnie Niksch and Vicky Salyers were hard at work in their "C" hallway office. Although Media Services was the source of the balloons they sent to their friends to most students, the quiet office was responsible for anything having to do with media for the entire school corporation.

People needed to understand that in order for this school to run smoothly, a lot of things depended on the secretaries.





Paul Abernathy, *Bus*  
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Bill Angeli, *Science*  
Daren Arberry, *Dean of Student*  
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Teachers may do numerous activities after school that prove the hardwork that they put into it does payoff. Many teachers are coaches or club sponsors.

### In School

**BELOW** Teacher Chris Locken helps Erik Pinnell with a problem on the edit bay. Locken is the teacher for the Broadcast Journalism class as well as the advisor for the PNN club. This club produces the bi-weekly show called Pirate News Network, that goes out to the school. This was the first year that PNN became a closed club. Old members had to pass an exam to continue to be in the club. Locken instructs students how to edit, interview, and produce a television show.



**OPPOSITE** Even teachers have a few talents up their sleeves. Coach Mark Rosenbalm takes time from warming up to shows junior Paul Todoroski how to kick the ball. Rosenbalm is a physical education teacher at Merrillville as well as an alumnus.



**ABOVE** Wrestling Coach Randy Qualizza lends advice to wrestler Josh Mehay as he fixes his head gear before he wrestles. Qualizza joined the Merrillville staff as a Industrial Arts Teacher and took over the wrestling program this year.

Lee Meyer, English  
Carrie Miller, English  
Sandra Miller, Aide  
Sally Morgan, Science  
Pat Mulloy, Social Studies  
Jan Minor, Assistant Principal  
Tommy Neary, Aide  
Hancy Neime, Aide

Andy Nilisch, Business  
Bonnie Nilisch, Media Services  
Joe Niora, Security  
Debbie Onka, Science  
Shirley Oregon, Student Services  
Brian Peller, English  
Tom Peller, Math  
Maryetta Petras, Science

Deanne Pierce, Math  
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Martha Plenson, Receptionist  
Ryan Pitcock, English  
Josefina Poropat, Foreign Language  
Joe Poinet, Media Services  
Dolores Pison, Nurse  
Terry Pratt, Art

Ronald Price, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Teresa Proctor, English  
Randy Qualizza, Industrial Arts  
Jenis Qualizza, Athletic Director  
Lisa Raftery, Foreign Language  
Geri Raney, English as a Second Language  
Shirley Renner, Guidance  
Wanda Rice, Art

Caroline Richards, Old Assistant  
Linda Robertson, Art Aide  
Artie Rogers, Social Studies  
Mark Rosenbalm, Physical Education  
Vicky Silvers, Media Services  
Bonnie Sanders, Foreign Language  
Mary Scheffer, Teacher Aide  
Pam Schilling, Direct of Media Services





**BELOW** Award winning members of the School Board pose in front of the Merrillville Community School Corporation crest before their meeting. Row 1: Mark Lucas, L.J. Crist, Donna Stath. Row 2: Dale Brooks, Timothy Flynn.



Debbie Zellen, *Assistant Secretary*  
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Norm Schulte, *Security*  
John Seale, *Industrial Arts*  
Beverly Seaton, *English*  
Mary Shoofee, *Math*  
Mary Simmons, *Social Studies*  
Don Slys, *Science*  
Irene Sparo, *Foreign Language*

Debra Staffeld, *Math*  
Craig Stafford, *Social Studies*  
Scott Staley, *Math*  
Hugger Stallings, *Family and Consumer Sciences*  
Jean Stanford, *Journalism, English*  
Evelyn Steiner, *Foreign Language*  
Michelle Sulach, *LRE, Treasurer*  
Mary Szczerba, *MOMH Teacher*

Manam Taha, *Family and Consumer Sciences*  
Dave Teeter, *Industrial Arts*  
Dave Templin, *Assistant Principal*  
Rick Tepstra, *English*  
Judy Vasallo, *Attendance Secretary*  
Jim Vermillion, *Science*  
Carol Von Behren, *Family and Consumer Sciences*  
Zac Wells, *Social Studies*

Sue Whitlock, *Art*  
Kathy Wilczynski, *Art*  
Janet Wilson, *LRE, Treasurer*  
Madeline Wilson, *Foreign Language*  
Michelle Wilson, *LRE, Facilitator*  
Bruce Woods, *English*  
Jeff Yelton, *Science*  
James Young, *LRE, Facilitator*

Not Pictured  
Cheryl Albers, *Counselor Secretary*  
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Glenn E. Smith



## Congratulations, Jenny We're very proud of you!



Jenny A. Adams

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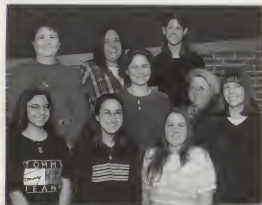


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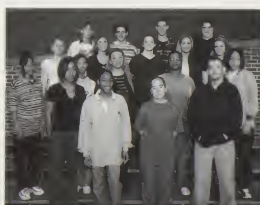
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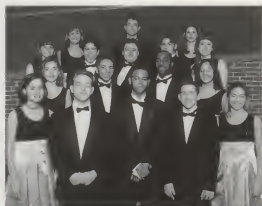
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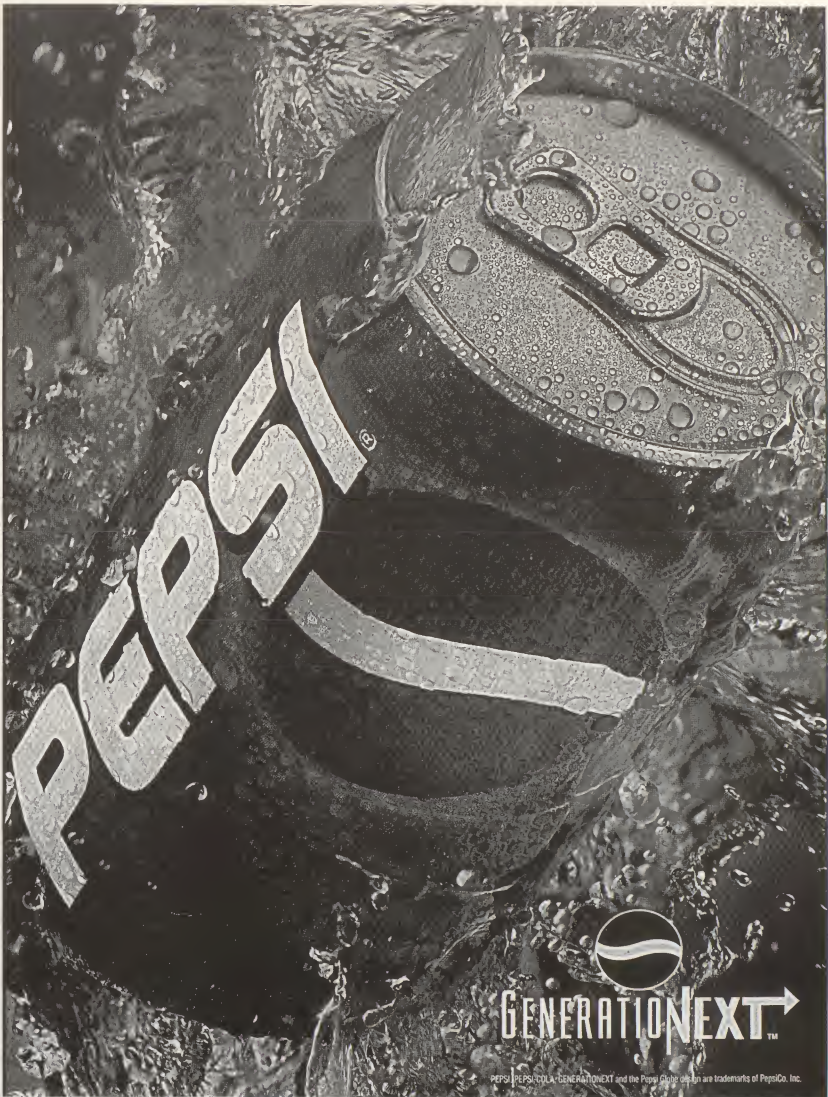
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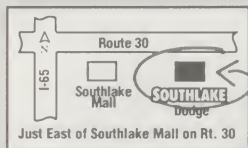


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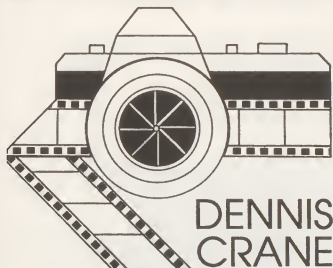
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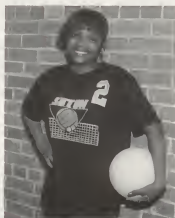
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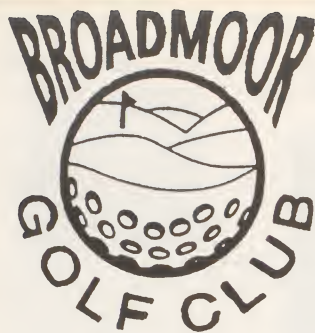
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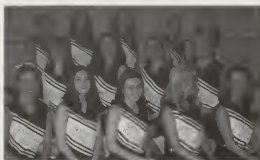
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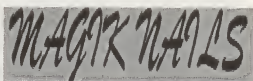
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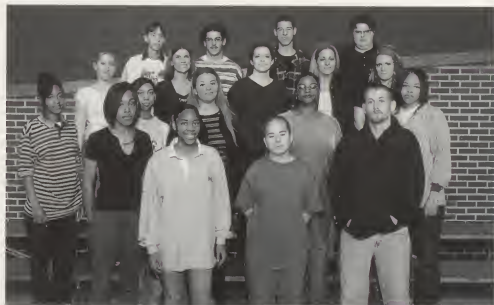
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**LEFT** Seniors celebrate after the moving of the tassels as the balloons fall.

**OPPOSITE** The cast of the spring musical, "Funny Girl," take a curtain call on the last night of their run.

**LOWER LEFT** Pitcher Randi Guernsey watches to see if the umpire calls a ball or a strike.

**LOWER RIGHT** Justin Gilmore plays the school song to celebrate a touchdown. The marching band plays at every home football game.



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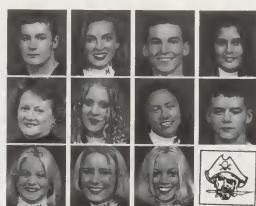
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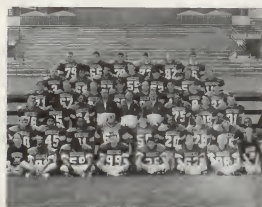
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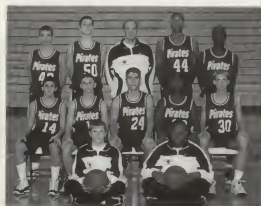
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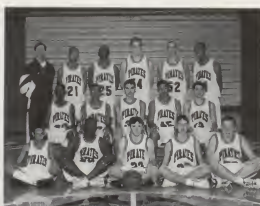
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**OPPOSITE** The Inspirational Choir is a new group this year. Their accompanist concentrates on getting her fingering right.



**ABOVE LEFT** Cross Country Coach Phil Hey discusses the race strategy with his runners.

**ABOVE LEFT** The new addition to the cafeteria was not finished yet when school started. So, we crammed into the old part of the cafeteria and watched the construction with interest.

**LEFT** A long jumper flies through the air trying for a personal best distance.



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**BELOW LEFT** Joe Klippel works on a test in his government class. Government is required by the state to graduate from high school.

**BELOW RIGHT** Brenton Mac Donald works on his project in CAD. Students work on several individual projects in the class including designing a house.



**OPPOSITE** A grinning Beth Elliott is congratulated after being crowned prom queen.

**UPPER RIGHT** Study hall was located in the Lecture Hall much of the school year. This gave the students room to spread out and get things accomplished.

**MIDDLE LOWER RIGHT** Gymnast Lisa Fastero demonstrates her flexibility and balance as she works the four inch wide balance beam. She qualified for the State Meet in the all-around as an individual.

**LOWER RIGHT** *Mirror* editors Atlantis Frost and Adam Hazlett write their stories for the next issue of the paper. Although the all senior staff was small, it won the *Times Newspaper* of the Year contest for the high school division.







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## Counting the last days





**TOP RIGHT** Tony Arroyo heads for his car on the last day of school.

**BOTTOM RIGHT** A fresh runner prepares for the hand-off. Relay teams must follow strict rules about the exchange of the baton.

**TOP** Kia Jo Schaub and Mike Megyesi enter the Radisson Star Theater with their classmates before taking their places on the stage. Megyesi presented the class gift while Schaub read the class poem.

**MIDDLE TOP** Standing on deck loosening up, a batter waits his turn to swing away. Baseball is one of the most popular spring sports.

**MIDDLE** Students rush to the parking lot after the last day of school. Everyone is anxious to start summer vacation.

**MIDDLE BOTTOM** Principal Evelyn Emsmann greets all the graduating seniors as they cross the stage. This was her first commencement at NHS.

**BOTTOM** The Class of 1999 gathered together for the last time to listen to their Commencement speakers and to make the traditional walk across the stage.

## *Students close out the school year with final exams, a senior trip, and the usual Quiet Chaos.*

Quiet Chaos erupted as the Senior Class took over Deep River Water Park for the day as they enjoyed one of the few carefree times they could before final exams raised their ugly head for the last time. As winners of the annual Spirit contest, the seniors enjoyed their day out of class as a reward for showing their school spirit even though the weather was cool and threatened rain.

Those who didn't get to make take the bus ride to the water park, found Quiet Chaos in the halls because they were less crowded than usual. The extra space in the cafeteria at lunchtime was welcome too.

The school year was quickly winding toward graduation, as Spring concerts for band, orchestra, choir, and Inspirational Choir all came and went. The groups then started practicing for their appearances at Baccalaureate.

Quiet Chaos occurred as the marching band, pom-poms, and colorguard prepared for their annual march up Broadway in the Memorial Day parade.

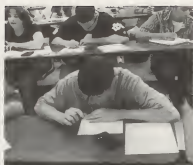
Spring sports teams saw their seasons draw to a close with the DAC meet and Sectionals, and everyone counted the days until summer vacation.



## CREATING ORDER

In the beginning 180 days seemed like an eternity, especially for the seniors who just wanted their high school days to be at an end. By June 9, we had weathered the Quiet Chaos of another school year with all of its ups and downs.

The seniors were amazed at how quickly the time had gone as they spent their day for winning the Spirit contest at Deep River Waterpark. Although the weather didn't exactly cooperate no one wanted to pass up the chance to spend time with friends they wouldn't be seeing again soon after graduation. As the seniors prepared to face the future, everyone else went about the business of creating order out of the end of yet another school year.



**ABOVE TOP** Concentration and studying are the key to doing well on final exams. Some teachers give finals in the Lecture Hall or the Arena so that students have a little more room to work.

**MIDDLE ABOVE** Kimberly Lux shows her concentration as she awaits a serve. The team had an exceptional year which included winning their Sectional.

**BOTTOM ABOVE** Principal Evelyn Ennsman addresses the Class of 1999 during Commencement. She is the third principal in the class's four years of high school.

**OPPOSITE** Cars pull away from the school on June 9 as hundreds of students celebrate their last day of the school year.

the 1990s, the number of people with a diagnosis of schizophrenia has increased in the United Kingdom (Meltzer 1996). The prevalence of schizophrenia in the United Kingdom is estimated to be 1.2% (Meltzer 1996).

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